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Man With A Husky Voice

London, Dec. 16. The "man with a husky voice" was today still proving troublesome to Scotland Yard, who for four days and nights have been trying to trace his telephone calls, warning of pending bomb explosions.

The latest was today, when he phoned that a newspaper office in Fleet Street would be blown up at noon.

Early today he warned that a tube station in south London would be wrecked and he repeated the threat of yesterday that the Royal Artillery Regiment's records office at Sidcup, in Kent, would also go.

In all cases, workers in the buildings concerned have ignored the warning and have gone on working.

Twice in the night, an elusive caller, whom the police believe is a crank, telephoned the Yard police, threatening them and among other places the headquarters of the B. B. C. and Victoria Station, famed continental terminus.

Nothing has happened at any of these places but the police have had to keep a vigilant watch in all cases, which now total fourteen.—*Reuter*.

The military authorities last night destroyed a large quantity of flares at Lyceum.

BRITAIN OPENS HER CASE

Grim Story Unfolded At Tokyo Trial

LEWIS VALENTINE DEAD

New York, Dec. 16. The death was announced today of former Police Commissioner Lewis V. Valentine, who, immediately after retirement as head of New York Metropolitan Police, went to Tokyo at Gen. MacArthur's invitation and directed the reorganization of the Japanese police.

Valentine, who was 64 years, had been stricken with liver trouble for several days and died early today.—*United Press*.

HE DIED HAPPY

Bethune, Dec. 16. France's oldest citizen, 102-year-old Henri Roy, died last night, a few hours after learning he had been made a knight of the Legion of Honour.

Roy, who was born at Hazebrouck on Feb. 14, 1844, awoke from a deep sleep last night to learn from his family that the long expected decoration had finally come through.

Roy, who was 102 years old, looked happily around at his family and said: "Now I can die. I am happy." A few minutes later he went back to sleep and died shortly afterwards.—*United Press*.

One-Quarter Of P.O.W.'s Died

Tokyo, Dec. 16. Hideki Tojo and Japan's wartime Government were responsible for the brutal wholesale slaughter of more than 100,000 people in Southeast Asia, the British prosecution staff charged at the opening of the British atrocity phase of the Tokyo war trials today.

Heitaro Kimura, defendant and ex-commander of Japanese forces in Burma, was responsible for ordering the execution without trial of Allied fliers captured by the Japanese, the British charged.

The prosecution revealed to the Court that approximately 25 per cent of British prisoners in Japanese hands were killed or died in captivity.

The story of Japanese sadism in Malaya, Singapore, Burma, Hong Kong, Indo-China and Siam was the result of "independent acts of individual Japanese commanders and soldiers, but of the general policy of the Japanese forces and the Japanese Government," the opening statement declared.

The prosecution told the Court that Britain, Australia, Canada and New Zealand had so much evidence of Japanese atrocities committed under the Japanese warrior code of "Bushido" that it was impossible to place all the evidence in to the Tribunal record within any reasonable length of time.

The British charged that torture beyond description, mass beatings and punishment were widespread during the Japanese reign in Southeast Asia. Massacres of innocent children, women and men were also perpetrated on a huge scale.

Listed among some of the atrocities were the slaughter of 5,000 helpless Chinese in Singapore and an orgy of sadism launched against slave and prisoner labour on the Burma-Siam railway.

Atrocities committed by Japanese soldiers in Singapore were related.

Slaughtered Like Sheep
According to affidavits submitted by eye-witnesses, civilians were slaughtered by the Japanese "like sheep" and at times the incoming tide "at nearby beaches" turned red.

When British Brigadier Frederick G. Galleghan protested the brutalities and atrocities which were being done to POWs, he was duly informed by the Japanese that the orders came from Tokyo and that Tokyo alone could amend them.

On Feb. 17, 1942, a Japanese officer entered Alexandra Hospital and assured the patients the Japanese were kindly captors and that they had nothing to fear. The patients were told to regard the visit as by a direct representative of the Emperor and that no higher honour could be bestowed on them.

Justice James Mansfield, a member of the prosecution staff, introduced countless pages of evidence of butchery of British, Chinese, Malayan and Indian prisoners of war and civilians by the Japanese. Evidence showed that after one massacre the Japanese ceremoniously saluted the common grave of their victims and decorated it with shrubs.

Mansfield introduced affidavits testifying that Japanese who committed atrocities against Indians, Chinese and Malays did not discriminate among Moslems, Hindus or Sikhs.

Another affidavit said one night the Japanese led out 183 patients—some on crutches or plaster casts and many awathed in bandages—from the British base hospital in Singapore. Only two survived to tell a tale of the "terrible screams" while the men were being bayoneted to death.

Survived Execution
An Australian who was "beheaded and buried" by the Japanese when he was a prisoner of war told how he managed to survive.

Colin Fleming Brien, sergeant, was seized by the Japanese in Malaya in 1942 after he had been wounded. At the point of a pistol he was ordered from his sickbed to a jungle clearing. In the centre of the clearing, he said, was an open grave with a sword sticking into the earth at its fringe. A platoon of Japanese soldiers, plus 15 officers were lined up nearby in order to witness the execution.

Brien was made to sit on the edge of the grave with his feet dangling over its edge. A Japanese officer told him to bow his head. A blindfold was put over his eyes.

EXPRESS CRASH

Rome, Dec. 16. Five were killed and 40 seriously injured today when the Naples-Rome express train crashed into a freight train which was sidetracked at the crossroads of Santa Fe.

The passenger train, which was two hours late following a shortage of electric power, was travelling at full speed in an attempt to regain lost time when the accident occurred.—*United Press*.

Recluse A Mere Skeleton

Paris, Dec. 16. Finding that modern life gives very little time for rest and contemplation, a 20-year-old graduate of Abbeville University decided 18 years ago to withdraw from the world and live the life of a recluse.

He took to his bed because, as he said, he was "tired and wanted time to think." He stayed there every day for the past 18 years, not getting up to wash or change his clothes—to last night.

Then the authorities found him, a mere skeleton covered with sores and with his hair and beard growing down to his knees. This morning he was carried protesting to Abbeville Hospital, where the doctors reported him to be sane and with "powerful intelligence."

His parents said he refused to be touched, moved or cared for during his hermit-like existence.—*Reuter*.

NEW BLOOD FOR AUSTRALIA

Canberra, Dec. 16. Mr. Arthur Caldwell, Australia's Immigrant Minister, said today that Australia could give jobs to 40,631 immigrants in 1947—which, including families, would represent some 120,000 people.

The state with the biggest absorptive capacity was New South Wales with 15,140 and Victoria with 11,650.

Lack of shipping space meant that the states would not get their full quota of immigrants for 1946, he added.—*Reuter*.

A Greater Hellas Will Arise

Athens, Dec. 15. Field-Marshal Jan Smuts, South African Prime Minister, today told a cheering crowd from the steps of the Old Palace in the heart of Athens that a Greater Hellas would arise.

"Greeks, you must not be discouraged," he said. "Raise your hearts and prepare for the greater future which lies ahead of you. A Greater Hellas will arise. People of Athens, keep your faith in the future. The loss and destruction are not the end but the step forward towards a new world for which millions of unknown soldiers gave their lives."

General Smuts' references to a Greater Hellas were greeted with tremendous cheers from thousands of Athenians.

He had first laid a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior in the presence of Crown Prince Paul and Crown Princess Frederika.

At another ceremony at Athens town hall, General Smuts received a scroll granting him the freedom of the city. Thanking the Lord-Mayor of Athens, the South African Premier said he had become a citizen of towns in various countries, but to be a citizen of the historic city of Athens was the greatest honour of all for ancient Athens gave the greatest services to civilisation and progress.

She was the morning star for the whole of humanity, and he was convinced that the star of Greece would continue to enlighten the human race in future.

Not Forsaken
The people of Athens, he said, according to the Greek News Agency, should not be influenced by present developments and should not think they were forsaken, or would be forsaken in the near future.

Citizens of Athens gave the world in the past, and would give it again in the future, a message of liberty, democracy, wisdom and human enlightenment.

After his visit to the town hall, General Smuts was received by the Chancellor of the

France's Socialist Cabinet

Paris, Dec. 16. France will have an entirely Socialist Cabinet owing to failure of the attempts to form a national coalition Government, a spokesman for the Premier, M. Leon Blum, announced today.

The decision was taken after failure to get the Communists, MRP and Left Republican Unions to agree to the distribution of key Cabinet posts. This morning the Left Republican Union let it be known that they would not accept a Communist in the job of Minister of National Defence.

The all-Socialist Government would be purely a minority one and could only carry on if it received Assembly support from at least the Communists and MRP. Whether these parties had assured Blum that they would do so even if they did not actually participate in the Cabinet was not yet known.

Blum already had made it known that he was determined to appear before the Assembly tomorrow afternoon with some sort of Government in order to start work on the budget for the last quarter of this year by Thursday.

The Socialists have 101 seats of the 418 in the Assembly and are only the third strongest party after the Communists and MRP. It was understood that Blum was planning to call together the heads of the parties to inform them of his decision.—*United Press*.

Consul's Murder Arrest

Marseilles, Dec. 15. Marseilles police today detained for interrogation a man they believe to be the murderer of Mr. Frederic Kristian Marstrander, former Norwegian Consul in Marseilles.

Four Italians arrested earlier were released when Madame Marstrander failed to identify any of them as the murderer.

The Consul was shot dead at his dining room while he and his wife were having supper. His assailant escaped with an accomplice through the window but a soft felt hat, believed to belong to one of the men, was left behind.—*Reuter*.

Thought She Was Mr. Churchill's Niece

Hamburg, Dec. 16. Mrs. Odette Sansom, heroine of the French Resistance and holder of the George Cross, told the Military Court here today how the Gestapo thought she was Winston Churchill's niece when she was interrogated on arrival at Ravensbruck women's concentration camp.

Mrs. Sansom was captured by the Gestapo in France, held prisoner in Paris, and eventually transferred to Ravensbruck in July 1944. Her commanding officer was Captain Peter Churchill.

Mrs. Sansom was always known in Ravensbruck as Mrs. Churchill. Mrs. Sansom said: "Captain Churchill told the Gestapo that she was only a distant relative of Winston Churchill."

Horrible Smell
Mrs. Sansom, who spoke with a slight French accent, was wearing a khaki uniform with the ribbons of the George Cross and the MBE.

She told of three months and one week spent in an unlighted, hedonise underground cell from which she was taken once a fortnight for a shower bath. Later, she was moved to a ground floor cell which was "better because I had a bed and some light. But the window overlooked the camp crematorium which at the end was going day and night. The horrible smell came into my cell and I could hear people screaming."—*Associated Press*.

First Snow Falls In Britain

London, Dec. 15. A wide area of Northern Europe is today in the grip of winter, brought by an icy wind from Siberia.

The whole of Britain, which for days has experienced road, rail and sea chaos, caused by dense fog, awoke today to find roads frozen and ice over streams.

The fog had gone, but a bitter wind immediately caused the consumption of gas and electricity to soar. The low stocks of coal have caused the Fuel Ministry to appeal frequently in recent weeks for reduced domestic consumption.

Meanwhile, from Berlin, comes news of hundreds of skaters swarming to Berlin lakes today for the first time this winter as the temperature fell to 25 degrees (Fah.) below freezing point. This was four degrees lower than yesterday in Berlin.

The whole population of Germany shivered as the cold wave swept over all zones.

With the country suffering from transport difficulties and with mines not yet back to anything like full production, Germany was perhaps the country to which the cold spell was least welcome.

Snow Forecast

The weather forecast for the next 24 hours, suggests Scandinavia and a wide area of Europe will continue to experience cold tomorrow, with either snow or rain.

The outlook for the next few days is one of continued cold. Thirty-three degrees Fahrenheit of frost were reported in areas of the British zone of Germany today after a night during which snow-covered roads turned into sheets of ice and streams froze.

Light snow was falling this afternoon. Road transport, in many parts of the zone was held up but air services were running on schedule.—*Reuter*.

Snow—

London, Dec. 16. The coldest weather since last January 21 brought light snow, frost and ice today but dissolved the peasepots for which plagued Britain at the end of last week.

Electric power was cut over extensive parts of the country today when cold resulted in above normal consumption. After broadcast warnings the Central Electricity Board ordered cuts of five per cent in Northeast England, 10 per cent in Northwest England and 15 per cent in the rest of the country which was the biggest reduction yet imposed.

Two inches of snow were reported in Kent but London's first snowfall of the winter was just a trace. Temperature on the roof of the Air Ministry this morning was 26 degrees Fahrenheit.—*United Press*.

—And Sun

London, Dec. 16. Sunshine has returned to Britain and transportation returned to schedule. Fog had cloaked the islands for five days.—*Associated Press*.

Franco Shouts Defiance

Saragossa, Dec. 16. Premier Franco declared in two defiant speeches today that the world is "in a situation of war which may be declared at any time."

The Spanish leader said war must be expected "while a materialistic conception of life continues in the world, while bad faith and hypocrisy are current and loyalty to agreements is a dead matter."

Franco made the first speech to officers graduating from the infantry he formerly commanded, and the second in a public square before an estimated 100,000 persons.

He warned "the new Pearl Harbour will not be the bombardment of naval units in port or flying atomic bombs which destroy towns or industries by surprise."

Instead, Franco declared "the fifth column will be used. Composed of 'men of double nationality, one apparent and the other always potential, who will paralyze the circulatory system of living peoples through doors stupidly opened to them by innocent and blockheaded inorganic democracies.'"

Franco did not refer directly to the resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly urging all member nations to withdraw diplomatic missions from Spain.—*Associated Press*.

Soviet Union Invulnerable?

Washington, Dec. 15. The "Coast-Artillery Journal" said the Soviet Union is less vulnerable than any other nation in the world to a threat of ground or air attack.

Colonel Carl F. Tschobin, of the General Staff Corps, wrote that all but one of Russia's frontiers face mountains, deserts or icy wastes. He said Russia has vast open areas for operating space as well as unrivaled defensive barriers in her marshes, swamps and lakes.

He pointed out that the Russians had stretched their industrial bases over the largest undeveloped land mass on the globe. He added that only the Soviet Union's older industrial centres are relatively open targets for air attack but that industrial centres deep in the Siberian hinterland are well-guarded as the industrial reserve.—*United Press*.

HOME FROM FAR EAST

Liverpool, Dec. 16. The liner "Duchess of Bedford" arrived here from Colombo last night with 3,000 service personnel from the Far East and Middle East.

Ninety per cent of the men are due for demobilisation.

One member of the crew, Seaman Albert Whiteway, was lost in the Suez Canal. He was cleaning the ship's scuppers when he overbalanced and fell into the Canal. Efforts to save him were unsuccessful.—*Reuter*.

THE WEATHER

A moderate anticyclone over N-China is moving slowly eastward. The depression NE of Hokkaido and an associated secondary E of Japan are moving eastward. Pressure is relatively low over S-China. The tropical depression has intensified slightly over the Central Philippines and appears to be moving slowly northward.

Today's Forecast: Light or moderate easterly winds. Cloudy, becoming fair during the morning.

Yesterday's weather: Maximum: 69.2 deg. Fah. Minimum: 68.1 deg. Fah. Max. Rel. Humidity: 88%. Sunshine: 2.7 hours. Rainfall: Nil.

Burying Alive Of Four Cripples

Khartoum, Dec. 16. The burial alive of deformed and defective children and adults in remote parts of the Otoro Hills, in Kordofan province of the Sudan, about 350 miles south of Khartoum, was reported today in a telegram received from the Government post at Talodi.

Twenty-two men and women, including a blind man of the Otoro Nuba tribe, are accused of at least four such crimes during the past four years. All of the accused are more than 60 years of age.

New Jewish Threat

Jerusalem, Dec. 16. The secret transmitter of the illegal Jewish terrorist organization, Irgun Zvai Leumi, last night threatened that British Army officers would be "punished by 18 strokes of the cane" if the sentence on 16-year-old Abraham Kimchin was carried out.

Kimchin was found guilty of charges arising from the bank holdup in Jaffa on Sept. 13 and was sentenced to 18 years imprisonment and 18 strokes of the birch by a military court in Jerusalem.

The broadcast paid a tribute to the British army who flew to rescue the 800 Jewish immigrants from the Jewish ship wrecked on Syria Island but added: "This episode does not change the fact that we are in a state of war with the cruel enemy who is endangering our very existence. The new generation asks for no philanthropy and no mercy. We want recognition for life."—*Reuter*.

COMMUNITY WIPED OUT

Basle, Dec. 15. Dr. Chaim Weizmann, the President of the Jewish Agency and of the Zionist Congress meeting here, was reported today to be seeking Palestine visas for the only Jewish family which now survives in his home town of Motyl, near Pinsk, in Poland.

The family wrote to him telling him that except for themselves, the entire Jewish community there had been wiped out and the township destroyed. The only house left standing was the one in which Dr. Weizmann was born 40 years ago, and which he left in the late eight to become a chemical student.—*Reuter*.

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TRIBUTE TO H. K. RESIDENTS "Exceptional Service" In P.O.W. Camp Hospital

Confusion Over A Bobby Pin

The case against the China Emporium regarding the sale of 12 bobby pins above the controlled price ended at the Central Magistracy yesterday, when Mr. F. X. d'Almada found the defendant guilty and registered a conviction, without a fine.

Mr. Y. K. Kan pleaded not guilty, while Mr. R. S. Smith, assistant Crown solicitor, assisted by Mr. W. H. Nollath of the S.T. & I. Department, appeared for the prosecution.

Mr. Kan said that the word "bobby pin" was known to the Chinese as "safety pin" and the hair-clip was only called "hair-clip."

Mr. Kan referred to a copy of the Chinese translation of the Hong Kong Government Gazette, to which the Crown objected as it was not an official translation.

Miss Sun Kam-tin, price control inspector, said that she went to the China Emporium and bought 12 bobby pins for \$1 and obtained a receipt.

Cross-examined by Mr. Kan, she said that she asked for the bobby pin with the Chinese term "Dang Gap" (top clip or hair clip).

The official price for bobby pins was two cents each.

Mr. d'Almada said that he was satisfied that the Crown had given sufficient evidence concerning the sale of the bobby pins. Universal providers such as the China Emporium should know that bobby pins and hair clips were the same thing.

He felt that there was some confusion regarding the translation of the unofficial copy of the Government Gazette.

WIVES LIST

The following names have been added to the Wives Priority List—96H—Margaret Sybil PEAKER; 97A—Kathleen Mary WOODMAN; 109B—Winifred McLELLAN.

Evidence At War Crimes Trial

Testifying at the war crimes trial of Colonel Tokunaga and four other POW Camp officers yesterday, Lieut. Col. J. A. Baillie, 1st Winnipeg Grenadiers and war graves representative in the Pacific Theatre, paid glowing tribute to the exceptional services rendered by certain local residents while on hospital duty in the POW Camp.

Mr. F. N. da Silva, another prosecution witness, told the Court that when he denied a trumped up charge by a guard named Nakamoto, known to POWs as "Cat and Dog," he was "given the works."

Continuing his testimony, Lieut. Col. Baillie said that after repeated requests an extra room of huts was allotted to the British officers. A large number of oil drums in the huts allotted had to be removed to another building. In the process a quantity of oil was extracted and used for lamps and cooking. This was about the time that American Air Force raids were being concentrated on Kowloon Docks and other Japanese military installations. Under the circumstances, it would have been extremely uncomfortable if a bomb landed in the vicinity of the drums and in particular in the area about 100 yards away where pits had been dug and the Japanese had stored a considerable quantity of high grade aviation spirit.

"Napoleon" Spt. Harada was known to POWs as "Napoleon." Lieut. Col. Baillie said that he recalled an occasion when the Gendarmes came to camp to order an immediate identification parade of all officers. The officers were lined up in two rows and instructions were issued that those wearing hats or glasses should take them off.

The Gendarmes, accompanied by Harada and other members of the Camp staff went down the line. One officer, who was suffering from eye trouble and who had not heard about the instructions to remove glasses, had his glasses snatched away and smashed by Harada.

The Gendarmes picked out three or four officers and the parade was then dismissed. "Harada was fond of putting on demonstrations for all and sundry," said Lieut. Col. Baillie. "He was very fond of his sword and sometimes used it to cut off imaginary heads outside the guard room."

Major Hook, who belonged to the same unit as witness took sick about June 1945. As the precise nature of his illness was not known, he was placed in the officers hospital. Despite the care and attention that the hospital were able to give him, his condition steadily became worse and towards the beginning of July he was placed on the "S.I." or "D.I." list.

Weighted 80 lbs. Captain Strong informed him that the condition of Major Hook was serious and that repeated applications had been made to Saito to have Major Hook removed to Hospital. No action was taken by Saito, despite the fact that he was again appealed to through the camp.

Major Hook's condition continued to become worse and he was finally ordered to be removed to hospital.

In addition, there were two Portuguese prisoners on stretchers at the guard room awaiting transport.

Major Hook was weighing approximately 80 lbs. at the time and was extremely ill. It looked as if he was not going to last very long. Normally, Major Hook weighed about 195 lbs.

The lack of medical facilities, proper medicine and diet for the nursing of very ill persons contributed to Major Hook's condition. He was not sent to hospital earlier because Saito would not give permission.

A lorry, the sides of which

ATOM BOMBS IN CHINA WAR!

Peiping, Dec. 16. Government Military commanders got the biggest laugh thus far in the civil war as they read a report from besieged Chungyang, in Shensi province, that the Communist attackers were using atomic bombs.

The report described the explosive as 2,000 times more powerful than those used by the Japanese.

Government sources explained that the soldiers trapped within the walls had been under siege for 15 days and "thought they were using atomic bombs."—Associated Press.

were very shaky, was brought to convey Major Hook and the sick Portuguese P.O.W.s to Hospital. As there was not enough room to lay the stretchers on the floor of the lorry, they were placed on the truck cross-wise with the handles resting on the shaky sides. Witness was informed towards the end of July that Major Hook had died at the Central British School Hospital.

Tribute To Residents This concluded the examination in chief of Lieut. Col. Baillie, who asked permission of the Court to say a few words. Granted this permission, Lieut. Col. Baillie said:

"I would like to take this opportunity of reporting the extreme efficiency and ability of British P.O.W.s who volunteered for hospital duty at the officers hospital. Due to the bad conditions and lack of supplies, particularly disinfectants and medicines, these men were, in my opinion, responsible for considerable saving of life and alleviation of suffering of the inmates of the hospital."

On one occasion, Lieut. William Fogwell, H.K.R.N.V.R. who was acting as hospital attendant, was obliged to carry a very ill patient from the Argyle Street Camp Hospital to the Indian Camp Hospital, a distance of approximately three quarters of a mile, and then assist at the operation. In addition, he was required to assist in carrying the officer back to Shamshui-po, as the Japanese officer would not find a truck to carry the officer back.

In addition, Mr. G. P. Ferguson of the Education Department, Mr. John Redman, Government Chemist, Mr. Harvey Skinner, of Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank and Mr. W. G. Robinson of Pure Cane Molasses Co. (H.K.) Ltd., performed exceptional service in Hospital."

"Goes For You Guys" Captain H. C. Glover, attached to War Crimes Investigation team said that he was severely beaten up by Tanaka because he had said in a letter written to his father that he believed everything would turn out all right ultimately. He was knocked to the ground and while in this position, kicked about the body and jaw. Afterwards, he was allowed to get up and then the interpreter, Nimori, turning to the parade which witnessed the incident, said: "That goes for you guys as well."

Lieut. Col. Penfold, R.A., was made to stand outside the guard house for several hours for having mentioned the word "Jap" in a letter.

At the time when officers at Argyle Street were bidding farewell to some 50 batmen who had been drafted to Japan, Nimori became infuriated over a remark which an officer had made. He picked on Lieut. McLeod of the Dockyard Defence Corps and proceeded to slap, punch and hit him about the head and body and to kick him in the legs. He then used his sword scabbard to chase Lieut. McLeod around the parade ground. This was done in full view of Lieut. Tanaka, who stood by and did nothing.

In July 1944, a friend of witness, a Lieut. Goodwin of the New Zealand R.N.V.R. escaped from Shamshui-po Camp. The escape was not discovered until the morning muster parade. Lieut. Chown and Wilcox were questioned about the escape, as well as Lieut. Smith, who was in charge of the hut occupied by Goodwin. Nimori ascertained that witness and Lieut. Col. Thompson were friends of Goodwin and both were called to the Camp Office. On arrival there, they found Nimori present with a Japanese in civilian clothes. Lieut. Wilcox and Chown had already been interrogated. Lieut. Col. Thompson was called in by Nimori while he, Capt. Glover, remained

outside. Nimori asked Lieut. Col. Thompson what he knew about the escape. Lieut. Col. Thompson denied all knowledge and said that Goodwin had not told him anything about his intentions.

Badly Beaten This answer seemed to infuriate Nimori, who rose from his chair and savagely struck Lieut. Col. Thompson about the face and body with clenched fists. This lasted for about ten minutes.

Lieut. Col. Thompson was told to wait outside and witness was called in by Nimori, who asked about his relations with Goodwin and how it was that Goodwin did not escape with the M.T.B.s when they left Hong Kong. Capt. Glover said that he told Nimori that Lieut. Goodwin had been wounded and was in hospital when the M.T.B.s left. Nimori then terminated his interrogation and told witness to go out. Nothing was asked of him about the escape of Goodwin.

Lieut. Col. Thompson, Lieut. Wilcox and Lieut. Chown were detained in a narrow cell for two days. Capt. Glover said that he did not actually see what happened in the cell, but he was informed that Lieut. Wilcox, who was suffering from dysentery, was badly beaten about the stomach by Nimori. After two days detention in an indescribably filthy cell, they were returned to the Camp.

"For about six weeks after this, we were given collective punishment," said Capt. Glover. "This meant that our rice ration was reduced to a minimum of 330 grammes or something like that and we hardly had any fresh vegetables. Canteen facilities and parcels were also stopped."

POWs were made to do, but guard duty. Each POW had to do duty for one hour each night and the POW on guard was responsible for the men in the hut which he guarded. "The Japanese sentries, as if acting on instructions, assaulted prisoners whenever the occasion presented itself," said Capt. Glover. A number of POWs were assaulted during these six weeks. In addition, there was a very unpleasant W/O known as "Jungle Jim" who acted as Duty Officer. When he came round, he generally made himself unpleasant and assaulted anyone who came into his way.

A Farce About a month after Goodwin escaped, an inspection of the Camp was held by a Red Cross delegate. It was a farce, like all other inspections, because the Red Cross delegate was only taken to certain huts and shown exactly what the Camp Commandant and Colonel Tokunaga wanted him to see.

On this occasion, Capt. Glover said he saw the Red Cross delegate escorted through No. 1 hut. POWs were never allowed to speak to Red Cross representatives and were given instructions to this effect. At the inspection, Capt. Barnett shouted out to the Red Cross delegate in French and English that POWs were starving. The Red Cross representative was immediately escorted out of the hut and taken out of Camp.

Capt. Glover said that he saw Sgt. Harada and two sentries come back and he heard thuds as a person was being beaten. There was some shouting. A considerable amount of confusion ensued and people tried to see what was happening. Barnett was taken away and after several days, returned and was hospitalized. While in hospital, Barnett was severely beaten up by the interpreter Nimori.

Mr. F. N. da Silva, share and insurance broker, formerly a Lieutenant in the H.K.V.D.C. said that Lieut. Palmer, who was seen by a sentry talking to one of his own men over the fence, was given a terrible beating by a Cpl. Nakamoto who was known to POWs as "Cat and Dog" as well as "Slap Happy."

Another guard named Nakashima came to witness hut looking very angry with himself and said that Palmer deserved the beating he received. Mr. Silva told Nakashima that it was a shame the way officers were being treated, and they were only POWs, not animals, not dogs and not cats.

Gave Him The Works On June 6, 1944, just after the evening parade, witness returned to his hut. About ten minutes later, the Camp Interpreter, Lieut. Cyril Brown, R.N.V.R., came in and told witness that he was wanted in the guard house. When he arrived there, he saw Nakamoto, who charged him with having said that all Formosans in charge of POWs would pay their lives for offences against POWs. Mr. Silva denied having ever said this and said that what he did say was that all guilty of offences against POWs would pay their lives.

It was obvious that Nakamoto was trying to gain the sympathy of other Formosans and insisted that witness said that all Formosans must pay the penalty one day. "Nakamoto then started to give me the works," said Mr. Silva. "He punched me, slapped me and then pushed me against the wall and used his knees on me."

When Lieut. Owen told "to restrain Nakamoto, the latter sent

Telephone Receiver Case

Though he was not satisfied that an unauthorised transfer of a telephone receiver belonging to the Hong Kong Telephone Company made the person receiving it guilty of unlawful possession, the Magistrate, Mr. Horace Lo held at Kowloon Court yesterday that the instrument still remained the property of the Company.

Mr. Lo dismissed the case against Ng Suen, master of the Shun Kee Money Changers, 566 Shanghai Street, charged with unlawful possession of a telephone receiver. The instrument was ordered returned to the Telephone Company.

Mr. Lo said that though he was satisfied that the instrument had not been acquired through legal or proper transfer, he was not satisfied that defendant in acquiring it had done anything unlawful in the criminal sense of the term.

As he understood defendant's statement and the facts of the case, there was no intention of depriving the company permanently of the receiver.

Mr. A. L. Fisher, of the Hong Kong Telephone Company, Ltd., said that the telephone in question had originally been installed at 175 Tai Nam Street, several months ago. On Dec. 9 this year, after a fault had been discovered, the telephone was traced to 566 Shanghai Street.

The telephone was installed originally under terms and conditions set in the telephone book sent to every subscriber on installation of the connection. The removal was unauthorised, nor was any application made for it.

When he called at defendant's address, he was told that a fee of \$200 had been paid to one of the company's workmen to transfer the receiver. The workman in question had since absconded and a warrant had been issued for his arrest.

Actually, all dues on the telephone had been paid with the exception of the transfer fee.

Defendant said in the witness-box that he was a pre-war subscriber but left Hong Kong during the occupation, leaving his business in the care of his friends. When he returned he had required a telephone urgently for his business and a Chinese telephone company employee whom he knew had offered to transfer an instrument from another shop for a fee of \$300. The employee had told him that he would in due course be notified by the Telephone Company of any additional fee he had to pay.

him away from the guard house. The beating continued for about 20 minutes or half an hour when Colonel White came to the guard room with Lieut. Owen. Nakamoto was told by Col. White that he had exceeded his authority and that unless witness was returned to his hut immediately, the matter would be referred to the Camp Commandant. Nakamoto was annoyed with this remark and said that he was quite capable of dealing with or inflicting punishment on any POW. Nakamoto then told Col. White that he would give witness the right to think it over.

Mr. Silva said that he was then sent back to his hut escorted by Col. White and Lieut. Owen. On return to the hut, he was asked by Col. White and Lieut. Col. Mitchell what he was going to do the following morning. He told them that he was not prepared to admit the charge, which was false.

Beaten Senseless The next morning he was called to the guard house and this time it was much more serious. Nakamoto had a thick dummy rifle with which he beat witness, who became senseless under the blows. The next thing he knew was that Col. White, Cdr. Vernal and Lieut. Owen appeared at the guard house. This time they adopted a much firmer attitude with Nakamoto and told him that they would not leave the guard house unless they were able to take witness away. From the guard house, Mr. Silva said that he was taken direct to hospital, where Capt. Strahan gave him a thorough examination and some injections.

A report on the injuries received by witness was handed to Major Moody immediately after the Japanese surrender.

Mr. Silva then described the beatings administered to Capt. Barnett.

Describing Harada, Mr. Silva said that he was definitely and necessarily cruel and that POWs were always uncomfortable when he was about.

The last witness to be called

London Cafe Case

Tsai Hok-lun, otherwise known as Charlie Choy, of 88 Lockhart Road, was summoned before Mr. E. H. Sainsbury at the Central Magistracy yesterday on charges of offences against the Trading with the Enemy Act.

The charges were in respect of dealings with the property and contents of the London Cafe, 89-92, Lockhart Road, previously in the possession of Nakasaki Joe o-Ota Tainosuke.

Mr. A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, appeared for the prosecution, while Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for the defence.

A Japanese interpreter of the Special Branch, Ikhata, in the witness box, said that he had been in the Colony for the past 16 years. He knew Ota Tainosuke, the proprietor of the London Cafe, previously known as the Yamakawa Restaurant, at 89-92, Lockhart Road during the occupation.

R. J. Maitland, of the Office of the Custodian of Enemy Property, said that he was in charge of moveable goods and inventory from November 17, 1945 until November 7, 1946. He had never received any information in the form required by the Government Gazette regarding the London Cafe.

As a result of Police information, he was instructed to make enquiries and to take over the inventory of the stocks at the Cafe.

K. Caudrey, also of the Office of the Custodian of Enemy Property, said that he met the defendant at the London Cafe when he was making enquiries. Defendant told him that he never made any reports to the Custodian of Property regarding the transaction over the cafe.

The case was adjourned to December 20.

"Explosion" In Naval Yard

Two Chinese Sick Bay attendants of the Royal Naval Dockyard, Anderson Dunne and Wong Shiu-sun, were brought before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., Central Magistracy yesterday, charged with the larceny of some potassium chlorate and carbon, and with wilful damage to a garage bin.

Detective-Inspector F. A. Ewins, who prosecuted, said that about 3.30 p.m. on Sunday an explosion occurred in the Dockyard. Sgt. Huntley, who was on duty at the main gate, heard the explosion and went to the scene.

Arriving in an alleyway behind the Surgery, Huntley found the two defendants by the side of a garage bin which had a large gale in its side.

They admitted that they had put some potassium chlorate and carbon into a length of iron piping and had lit it with a match, causing the explosion. There were no casualties.

Dunne said that he had no intention of stealing chemicals. He was in charge of the dispensary and he took them to make fireworks.

Wong said that if he had known such an explosion would occur, he would never have made the experiment.

Both defendants were convicted on the second charge; first defendant was fined \$50 and second defendant \$25.

Money Mart

Chinese National Currency reopened weak after the week-end recess. Futures were able to maintain last week's level on 67 cents for CN\$1,000, but spot fell to 91½ cents at the close.

Gold was unsteady. It opened at \$306 a tael, rose to \$309, fell to \$302.50, went up again to \$303 and closed at \$304.

Piastres opened at \$15.85 per 100, and in the course of the day fluctuated between \$15.50 and \$16.10. Closing quotation was \$15.70.

U.S. dollars were weaker at \$4.70. Sterling had buyers at \$15.40, while Australian pounds were again unchanged at \$12.55.

Shai Exchange Quotations on the Shanghai market, as called by Associated Press:

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0.50 a.m.	CNY	CNY
0.50 a.m.	305.00	304.00
U.S. Dollar	5.00	5.00
Hong Kong Dollar	1.250	1.250
Closing		
Gold per ounce	\$12.000	\$12.000
U.S. Dollar	1.250	1.250
Hong Kong Dollar	1.250	1.250

TOC H TALK

The Main Resolution of Toc H, which expressed briefly is: "To think fairly, to love widely, to witness humbly. To build bravely, will be the subject of a talk to be given by the Reverend H. Chappell, at the Toc H meeting to be held this evening at Tabbot House, 50 Macdonnell Road at 8 p.m. All men interested are invited.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Arrivals from Shanghai by the m.v. "Tianan" on Sunday include Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey T. Gamble and Miss Dorcas Gamble, Mrs. Winifred E. Keylock, Mrs. Irene Hutchinson and Messrs. George Debb, Walter Smith, Frederick Jolly, Bernard Van Zuden, L.G. Conies and Richard Markman.

Arrivals by the s.s. "Glenapp" yesterday included (from Singapore) Mr. and Mrs. Martin Leitch, Mrs. W.J. Nelson and V.G. Teasdale, and the Misses Nancy M. de Vries, John Vickers and Lo Walch.

From U.K.—Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Brightman, Messrs. A.B. Harcourt, R.H. Deane, Anko Van Der Wees, and Elsie, and the Misses Muriel May Owen and Dorothy Robinson.

Departures for Durban by the m.v. "Strait Bonds" on Sunday included Mr. E. O'Neill Shaw and Mr. A.M. Tena. Mr. Charles White and Mr. James MacFarlane were passengers for Singapore.

Latest arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel: Mr. and Mrs. L.J. Baker, R.W. Barry, G.H. O'Malley, E.W. Haynes, Charles Lee, R.H. Bosh, David Gaudin, Mr. and Mrs. E.H. Conroy, Capt. R.H. Conway, Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Keylock, R. Markham, B. Van Zuden, A. Hayes and E. Blackburn.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel: Messrs. John W. Davis, W.J. Evans, Messrs. Mr. and Mrs. L.G.R. Mann, Miss E.E. Morrison, Mrs. E.M. Lowndes, F.H. Waterhouse, D. Macdonald, Miss J.L. Morgan, A.E. Carmichael, J. Miller, J.L. Maylin, A.H. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. G.G. Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Foster-Kemp, G.M. Zittel, C.E. Henderson, Mrs. M.L. And, E.D. Dack, W.L. Barry, G.W. Denny, R.W. Pallet, H.W. Wood, Miss E.E. Bosh, A.L. Gilmore, R.H. Wood, Miss O. Gardner, R.W. Barry, G. G. H. B. Bosh, and E.H. Smith.

The trial of Sgt. Major Ronald Tamm will open at the War Crimes Court Monday morning.

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MARRIAGE

UPTON-STEARN. On Wednesday, December 11, 1946, at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, Victor, son of the late Capt. V. C. Upton of Penang and Mrs. E. G. Upton of Hove, Sussex, England, to Joan (Jinnie), younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Shorten Stearn of Ipswich, Suffolk, England.

AMERICA'S CLAIMS IN THE PACIFIC

America has lost no time in producing her proposals for establishing a trusteeship over the former Japanese mandate, and her anxiety to retain control of the islands indicates a concern over the maintenance of future peace. Particularly welcome to other Pacific countries, such as Australia, unlike most of the other mandate or trustee territories these islands are important neither for their size, their population, nor their economic resources all of which are trifling. It is only necessary, however, to recall the tremendous efforts necessary to oust the Japanese from their bases and the use subsequently made of them by the Allies to appreciate their immense strategic significance. Hence it is natural that the plan put forward by President Truman should reflect the views and requirements of his Service chiefs rather than the political thinking of the State Department.

The result is a demand—subject to the trusteeship provisions of the United Nations Charter—for sweeping powers of control. Certain of the proposals will need to be elucidated and reasonable assurances given before they are likely to win the approval of other nations. The suggestion that air traffic rights should be granted at the sole discretion of the United States, for example, calls for some guarantee that areas where flying might be restricted for reasons of military secrecy should be kept to a bare minimum. No discrimination should be applied between the commercial aircraft of different nations in this respect. Similar exception may be taken to article 13 of the draft agreement as it stands, for this, while it acknowledges the supervisory rights of the Trusteeship Council, reserves to the United States the power to define areas where the writ of the United Nations, "for security reasons," shall not run.

Having regard to the construction which has been placed upon this clause in America, where it is assumed that the United States could even go so far, if it saw fit, as to proclaim the whole of the trusteeship a closed area, a clear official statement is needed on this point, for so far-reaching a power could obviously nullify the trusteeship principle entirely. Even without such a provision, the powers sought by the United States are extremely wide, although it is noteworthy that Australia is unwilling to assume the responsibilities of trusteeship in New Guinea without comparable authority. Two "fundamental considerations" put forward in August were that Australia should have "complete and exclusive power in controlling the administration of New Guinea, and that the only limitation upon this control is the obligation to carry out the duties imposed by the Charter."

Again, American insistence on the necessity for establishing bases and fortifications in the trustee area, for stationing armed forces there, and for making use of local volunteers, is exactly matched in the Australian formula. The ban on military activities in New Guinea under the former mandate created an all but fatal gap in Australia's defences, and Mr. Chifley has invoked the provisions of the Charter which allow the administration to use "volunteer forces, facilities and assistance from the Territory in providing for the defence of New Guinea." The Commonwealth Government, he added, intended to go further

Bombay's Face Changes Under Disturbances

The protracted fighting and terrorism among Bombay's Hindu and Moslem communities has had drastic economic and social effects upon this city of approximately 2,000,000 persons.

By G. M. KELLY

Probably no one in Bombay has escaped some effect of the troubles and tensions which have continued without a break since a riot touched off the disorders on Sept. 1.

No official agency has calculated in monetary values the extent of the loss and probably such a survey would be impossible but there is no doubt it runs into millions of rupees in addition to casualties in the hundreds.

The exact figures are kept secret lest they inflame the people further.

Most of Bombay is under an all night curfew.

Armed police and military patrols herd the people indoors and arrest recalcitrants and suspected trouble-makers.

Within minutes the streets are deserted.

No Hindu sets foot in the Moslem section and no Moslem enters the Hindu district.

In either instance it will be a visitor's last living act.

Scores of business places operated by the Hindus in Moslem localities or by Moslems in Hindu regions have been locked by their owners who have fled to safer districts.

Systematically these business places are being looted by hoodlums and neighbourhood dwellers, although police shoot looters on sight.

Fear and communal tension have resulted in partial boycotts of one community against the business enterprises of the other.

Even in financial circles traders on the share market assert privately the boycotts may freeze some operators out of the market.

Business and industrial plants have had to adjust or curtail working hours to allow employees to reach distant dwellings ahead of the curfew hours as early as 1930 gmt.

Street car and bus services have been rerouted so that through traffic does not pass alternately through the Hindu and Moslem sections.

Passenger traffic has declined because many fear to ride in public vehicles.

Theatres have been hard hit.

Some have suspended temporarily or for the duration of the trouble. Many who live in the danger areas have existed on

almost starvation diets at times because they feared to visit ration depots for grain, their staple food.

The Government has opened new depots and provided police protection for these unfortunate.

The curfew has been a plague to the poor, who occupy hot, stuffy overcrowded quarters.

Poetic Justice

The Italian Postal Authorities in Rome recently sent to London a package containing five travel cheques for ten pounds each, two five pound Bank of England notes, three letters, one programme, one Income Tax form and one will, with the explanation that these articles had been found amongst undelivered correspondence in places under the charge of the Postal Director of Bologna.

The Income Tax form proved useful for it gave the home address of the intended recipient, which was in the New-castle-on-Tyne area.

Before approaching the addressee concerned, enquiries were made of his bankers, firstly, to ensure he had not become a war casualty and secondly, to check up on the address.

After that, the articles were returned to the owner and an interesting story emerged.

He expressed astonishment at receiving his property and explained that he was parted from it on the night of June 14, 1942, when the 50th Division broke out from the Gazala line and passed through the German and Italian lines.

The car in which he was travelling was completely destroyed. The occupants were wounded but managed to get away with only the clothes they stood in. All kit was lost including the items now returned through the Post Office.

There is an element of poetic justice in the fact that the hero of this story is a grandson of one of the North Country men who helped to finance the Garibaldi expedition.

Tens of thousands who usually find some relief from overcrowding by having the menfolk sleep outdoors now must crowd them inside locked huts.

The trouble has solidified communal sentiment. Police protest that normally law abiding persons have done nothing to interfere with or disclose the identity of assassins of their community.

Neighbours have banded together communally in defence units in many sections.

Menfolk take turns at patrolling buildings and the neighbourhood nightly. Not all persons agree upon how lasting this solidification will be.

Some believe it will take generations to dim the hates born of wanton slaying of relatives and friends or born of fear alone.

There has been a profit in the disturbances for some. Hoodlums quickly took advantage of the situation. Posing alternately as Hindus and Moslems, some collected protection money from groups of both communities.

Despite the elaborate precautions and curfew, few nights have passed without incidents of some sort.

The trouble has continued—stray assaults have been made in isolated sections of the city and disorders are sweeping out into the neighbouring areas. Each new disturbance has repercussions elsewhere.—Associated Press.

BY THE WAY

By BEACHCOMBER

Mimsie Slopcomer, Fish Powder Queen of 1946, is to play the Spirit of Egg Powder in a British documentary film.

Her mother said: "I do say this is more respectable than her being one of those glamour girls in Technicolor and showing her legs. I do so think."

Her father said: "She was always interested in powder from the time she filled an empty quart bottle with ground rice." Mimsie said: "It is not as exciting as playing St. Joan or something, but everyone must help." Mrs. Wowle nodded assent, and then went out.

More Good News

I notice that the number of good things promised for the distant future is increasing by leaps and bounds. Yesterday it was more bird seed. Today it is five-shilling pieces. Tomorrow it will be egg-powder coats or monograms for umbrella covers. We are told that the promise of five-shilling pieces "cheered up the Commons." They can now face their constituents when angry voices cry from queues. "We want five-shilling pieces!" Boy, if that is Mrs. Wowle, show her out.

Mrs. Wretch Hits Out

The people who clamour for free elections in Central Europe do not seem to realise that the only thing achieved would be the complete defeat of the provisional Government. It is to prevent this that elections are delayed indefinitely. (Mrs. Wretch at Chichester.)

From A Highbrow Review

Mr. Aldous Huxley on "Religion and Temperament." Alcohol, which heightens the natural aggressiveness of the somatonic and increases the relaxed amiability of the viscerotonic, merely makes them (the cerebrotonics) feel ill and depressed.

Human beings, he has shown, vary continuously between the viable extremes of a tri-polar system; and physical and psychological measurements can be devised whereby any individual may be accurately located in relation to the three co-ordinates.

Oh, I Say, Look Here!

The League of Nightshirt Wearers is up in arms. A clergyman said the other day that there will be no nightshirts in Heaven. "Whatever secret source of information he was drawing on," the Secretary of the League writes in the current Daily Nightshirt, "it is but medieval superstition to say that these universally respected garments are not part of the uniform of immortality."

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"I understand she gives private lessons in home management on the side!"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

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PICK THE RIGHT DISCARD

What a contrast there is between the bridge played by real human beings and that which most theorists like to describe! The difference is because of a variety of reasons, but chief among them probably is the fact that in the average social game the participants do not like to spoil one another's fun by taking time for the study which is essential to soundness in many situations. In their considerate effort for speed, they frequently mess up such things as their discarding, tossing off cards of one suit when they could gain much more from picking a different discard.

S A Q 10 9 6 5 3
H A
D Q 10
C 8 5 3

S J H 10 6 3 2 D A J 9 7 2 C K J 9

S K 8 7 4 2 H K Q 5 4 D 6 C A Q 10

Dealer: South. Neither side vulnerable.

South West North East
1S 2D 3S 5D
Pass Pass 5S Pass
6D Dbl 6S

South didn't expect his cuebid of 6-Diamonds to really scare West away from leading the suit, but it did. Who then would think that this very error by West would be the means of his setting an unbeatable contract?

West opened the heart 2, and a cursory examination showed the declarer that he now had a chance to take "all the tricks." So, winning with the heart A, he led to the spade K and used the heart K-Q to discard both of the dummy's diamonds. Ah! won't lose any diamond trick now! He was happy.

Leaded for bear and after all the tricks, he went to dummy with a ruff of his own diamond, then finessed the club 10. West won with the J and returned the heart 5. If South had taken the precaution of ruffing out the heart 5, this would have given him a ruff-and-discard to get rid of the club Q, but he hadn't. So he had to ruff that trick in the dummy and then try the club Q finesse. When that failed, his contract was beaten.

Not understanding throw-in plays, this declarer, by discarding clubs instead of diamonds on his hearts, could have made his contract safe at the outset.

Tomorrow's Problem

S 10 9 7 H 10 8 4 D A J 10 7 C K Q 8

S K Q J 8 2 H Q 7 5 D 8 6 3 C A 10

S A 6 4 H K J 9 6 3 D K Q C 9 7 6

Dealer: South. Both sides vulnerable. Against a spade lead, how should South play for 4-Hearts if the only bid by the defenders had been 1-Spade over the original 1-Heart?

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PEACE IN IRAN

Teheran, Dec. 15. It was officially announced here today that order and calm had been restored throughout the province of Azerbaijan and that there was now free access to any point in the province.

The Moslem hierarchy of Teheran has sent a message to the Shah congratulating him on the occupation of the province by the Imperial armies. Gazi Mohammad, Kurdish leader who some months ago signed a treaty of friendship with Azerbaijan Democrats, has surrendered to the Persian Government forces in Tabriz and announced his allegiance to the Persian Central Government.—Reuter.

Surrender

Teheran, Dec. 16. The Iranian Army announced today that Gazi Mohammad, head of the so-called "Kurdish Republic," surrendered to Central Government troops after heavy fighting which brought more of the semi-autonomous Azerbaijan province under Government control.

The announcement said his surrender apparently meant an end of "the Republic" which had ruled portions of Western Azerbaijan under the treaty with the Tabriz separatists of Jafar Pishaveh.

Pishaveh's forces have already yielded to the Central Government.—Associated Press.

Martial Law

Teheran, Dec. 15. Martial law and curfew, imposed in many districts of Azerbaijan after the entry of Central Government troops, will be removed for the elections, it was officially announced here tonight.

The announcement did not disclose when the elections would take place.—Reuter.

WFTU GIVEN VOICE IN UNO General Assembly Overrules British Objection Not An Anti-Trade Union Move

Flushing Meadow, Dec. 15.

Britain strongly objected to the World Federation of Trade Unions being given the right to submit questions for insertion in the provisional agenda of the United Nations Economic and Social Council in the General Assembly here tonight.

When the Assembly began what is probably the last day of its present session, Mr. Percy Wells, of Britain, said that his country asked for rejection of the committee recommendation to that effect which, he said, was contrary to the interests of the Economic and Social Council and such bodies as the World Federation of Trade Unions.

"This is not an anti-trade union move on our part," he said.

"The World Federation of Trade Unions would do well not to seek to force itself on the Economic and Social Council," Mr. Wells said.

He described as "appalling" the prospect which would open up if the World Federation of Trade Unions were allowed to bring as many questions as it liked and these had to be debated by the Council, perhaps for days.

An Arena

"Who can guarantee that the Federation will not submit a proposal that will immediately excite the International Chamber of Commerce to put in another opposing proposition?" he added.

"The Council might become an arena for the airing of grievances."

Mrs. Helen Douglas, of the United States, also opposed the proposal. Ever since the London meeting of the General Assembly, she said, efforts had been made to give the World Federation of Trade Unions a preferred position, superior not only to that of any other non-governmental organization, but also to that of specialized agencies of governments not represented on the Council.

If the recommendation were adopted, other organizations, such as the International Co-operative Alliance, the American Federation of Labour and the International Chamber of Commerce, would also have to be given unrestricted privilege of placing items on the Council's provisional agenda.

Proposal Approved

The Soviet delegate, M. Fedor Gusev, supported the committee's recommendation and submitted as an amendment the previously defeated proposal that the World Federation of Trade Unions should be given the right to make written and verbal communications to the Economic and Social Council.

The Indian delegate supported the committee's recommendation as a procedure which would have the merit of increasing the efficiency of the Council. "Let us not exaggerate the importance of the concession we have made. We have not placed WFTU on an equal footing with specialized agencies, such as the International Labour Office."

India would not support the Soviet amendment, he added. The Assembly finally approved the original proposal.—Reuter.

Germans Protest

Hamburg, Dec. 15. Germans in Berlin and the Rhineland town of Wuppertal today held a demonstration demanding the speedy release of their countrymen held prisoner of war in Russia and the Western countries.

In both towns the organization behind the demonstration was the Social Democrat Party. At Wuppertal one speaker claimed the Soviet Union was still holding at least 4,000,000 prisoners, including women. The speaker said the appeal for the prisoners' release was based not only on humanitarian grounds, but also on political and economic.

Speaking at this meeting Franz Neumann, a member of the Social Democrat delegation who recently visited England, declared that Britain had a great understanding for Germany's problem.—Reuter.

SOVIET PRESS SOUNDS OFF

Moscow, Dec. 15. "Trud" and "Pravda," in identical articles yesterday, accused the Anglo-Americans of supporting forces of reaction in Germany and breaking the Berlin agreement, and claimed that United States monopolies were dictating the U.S. occupation policy.

The Anglo-Americans are rudely breaking or ignoring the demilitarization, denazification and democratization portions of the Berlin agreement, and, illegally, are revising the reparations agreements, the newspapers charged, while they, in the meantime, are putting forward a federalist plan which will form a favourable ground for activity of internal reactionary forces and lead to the complete dependency of these 'islands' on the reactionary forces of foreign states.

The papers said the policy of the American military authorities in Germany really was directed toward the preservation of big German concerns, a policy dictated by cartels.—United Press.

U.S.A. And World Economics

New York, Dec. 15. Ray Atherton, United States Ambassador to Canada, said he believes "foreign opinion fears that we may be selfish about tariffs and that we may suffer a bad depression at home."

Atherton, in a speech at the annual meeting of the Life Insurance Association of America, said, "There is considerable concern abroad over the role America will play in the economic future of the world. Our acceptance of political internationalism is generally acknowledged, but adherence to a consistent policy of economic internationalism is frequently doubted."

"There is doubt as to our intentions and doubt as to our ability," he said.

However, Atherton added, "In the month of October, production of American mines and factories was 32 per cent higher than during the five year period pre-war. That does not look like failure, like frustration, like inflation or like depression. The actuality of America today is hopeful enough, promising enough, productive enough and rich and strong enough. This picture is not at all projected abroad."—Associated Press.

3,000,000 P.O.Ws.

Washington, Dec. 15. A United States Army report, released today by Mr. George Meader, Counsel to the Senate War Investigation Commission, states the Soviet Union is estimated at presented to hold approximately 3,000,000 German prisoners of war "located in the Soviet Union and satellite countries in Eastern Europe."

The report contains documents gathered by Mr. Meader from the Army of Occupation and Military Government officials in a three weeks' investigation tour of Europe.—Reuter.

SPAIN REACTS

Madrid, Dec. 14.

The Minister of Education, Jose Ibanez Martin, today told the Press that the United Nations action against Spain violates the organization's charter. He said the origin of the United Nations action against Spain is apparent.

"If the world has an instinct of self preservation it will know how to react to campaigns of such foul action," he said if the United Nations did not respect Spanish sovereignty, it would suffer "a profound loss of prestige."—United Press.

Zionist Congress Undecided

Basle, Dec. 15.

The Zionist Congress meeting here is not expected to decide till the end of this week or the beginning of next whether or not to attend the London talks on Palestine.

By then a Political Commission will have considered the matter and framed a resolution. The present mood in Congress circles suggests the probability is not excluded that a vote may be taken against Jewish Agency participation in the talks, which are due to be resumed next month.

Mr. Louis Lipsky, American member of the Agency Executive, told the Congress tonight that decisions must now be reached after months of argument. Attending the conference, he declared, would not weaken the Jewish position. It would be wrong to jeopardize Zionist achievements in Palestine by refusing to attend for the sake of the hypothesis about British aims. Britain had been known to change her mind before, he added.

Members Suspended

The Zionist Executive announced today that it had suspended six members of the Political Committee of the Extremist Zionist Revisionist Union of America from rights in the world Zionist organization as a result of their activities in the United States.

The suspension followed notification to the Executive of these two allegations:

1. That the Zionist Revisionist Union of America had handed a memorandum to the Secretariat of the United Nations requesting that the Palestine question be brought before the General Assembly; and

2. That Revisionists in America, with other bodies, had published a newspaper advertisement in New York announcing the establishment of a Jewish resistance fund to raise money for "active fighters of the Palestine underground."

The Executive declared that both actions were breaches of discipline and subversive to the interests of the Zionist movement and the case would be brought before the Zionist Court of Honour.

Six American Revisionist delegates are in Basle and have disavowed themselves of association with the memorandum.

Socialist System Superior

Moscow, Dec. 15. Russian officials today announced that some members of the Soviet armed forces are badly in need of indoctrination in the "superiorities of the socialist system."

Other announcements resulting from the turning of a frankly introspective eye on internal affairs, reported:

1—Agricultural grafters are still cheating the Government on some collective farms despite recent remedial measures.

2—Trade union committees throughout the nation will be called upon during the coming year to account for their activities to rank and file members.

3—Approximately \$5,800,000 worth of maternity benefits have been paid by the Government this year in Moscow alone as part of a nationwide programme to encourage large families.

Need for political education of servicemen was stressed in the directive by the chief political administration of the Soviet armed forces and addressed to Communist party organizations within the armed forces.—Associated Press.

Albanian Complaints

London, Dec. 14.

Moscow radio reported tonight that the Albanian Government had sent a note listing 21 alleged frontier incidents between Sept. 10 and Nov. 20 to the United Nations Secretary-General, in which Greek troops were said to have crossed the border and attacked Albanian guards.

Albania is one of the countries with Yugoslavia and Bulgaria—Greece has accused before the Security Council of forming frontier violations by guerrillas in Northern Greece.

Tirana radio tonight reported that a bill making military service compulsory in Albania was unanimously passed yesterday at a meeting of the National Assembly.—Reuter.

London, Dec. 15. Snow interrupted all operations by Greek troops against rebels in Thrace, northern region of Greece, which borders Bulgaria and Turkey, Rome Radio said tonight.—Reuter.

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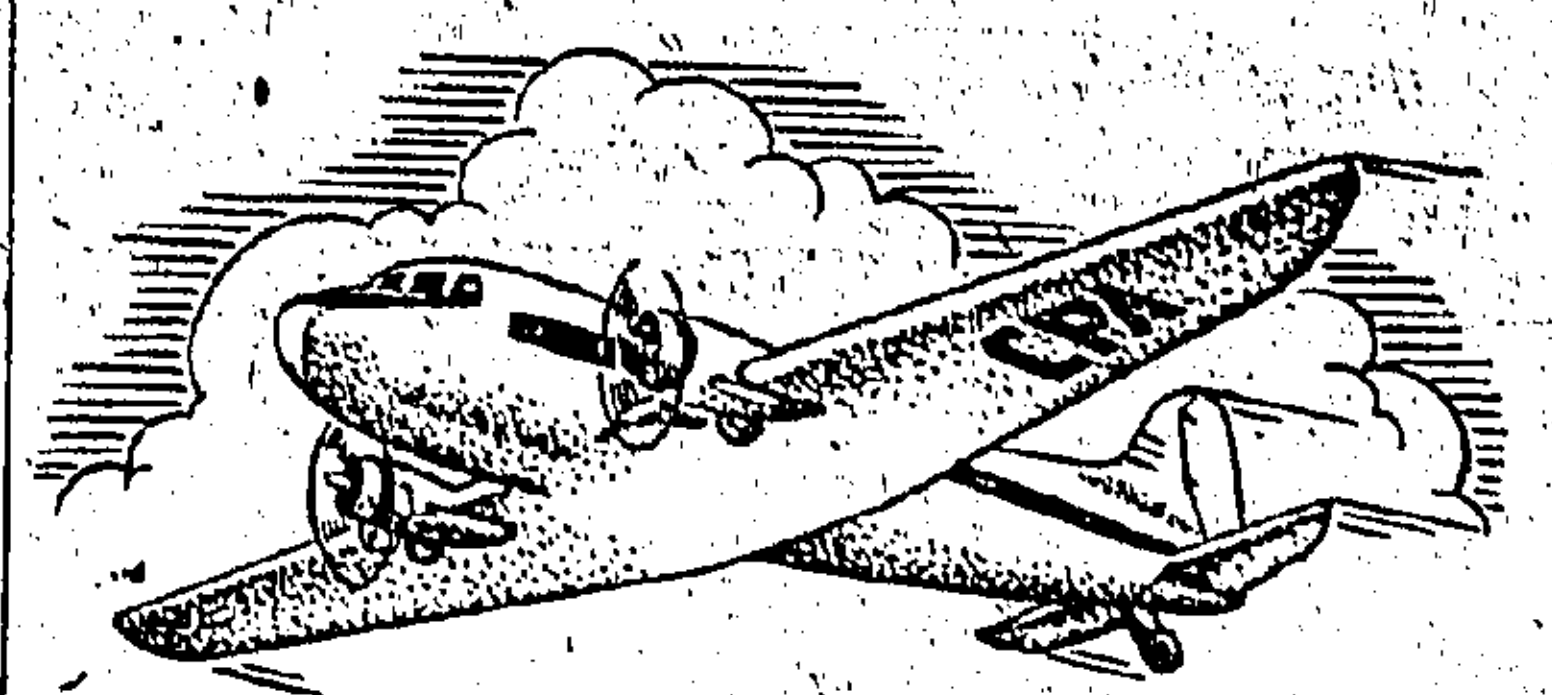
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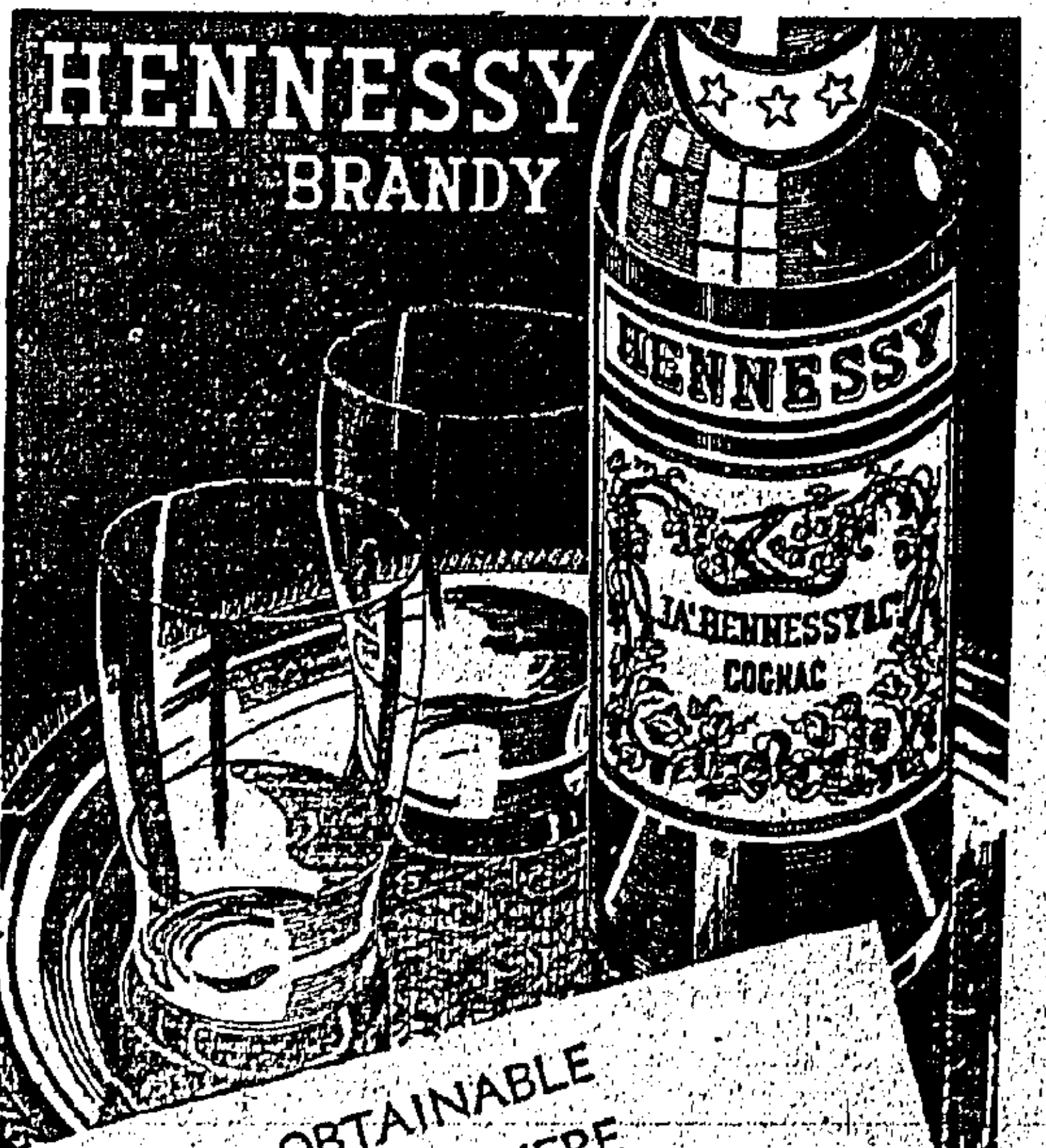
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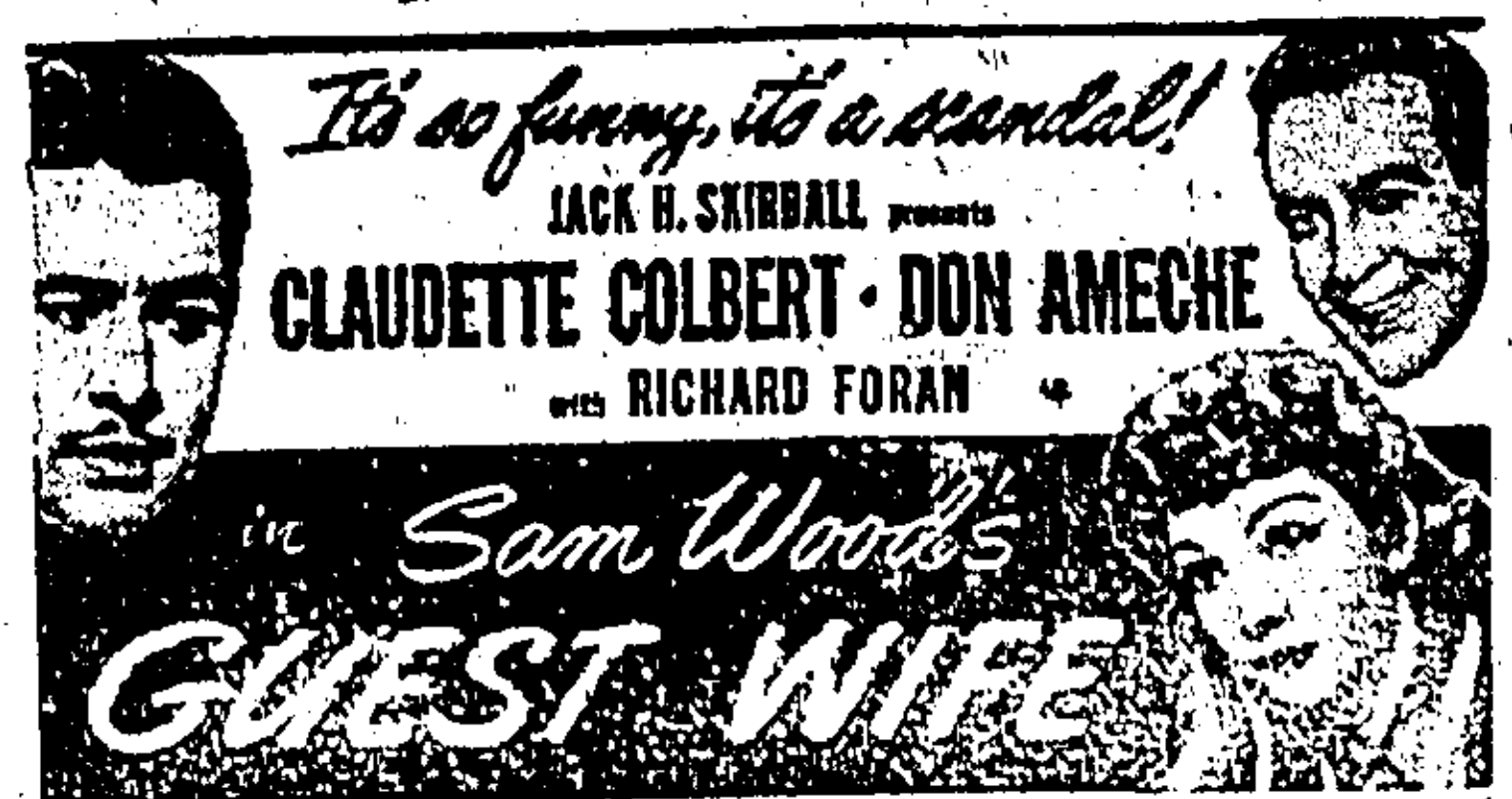
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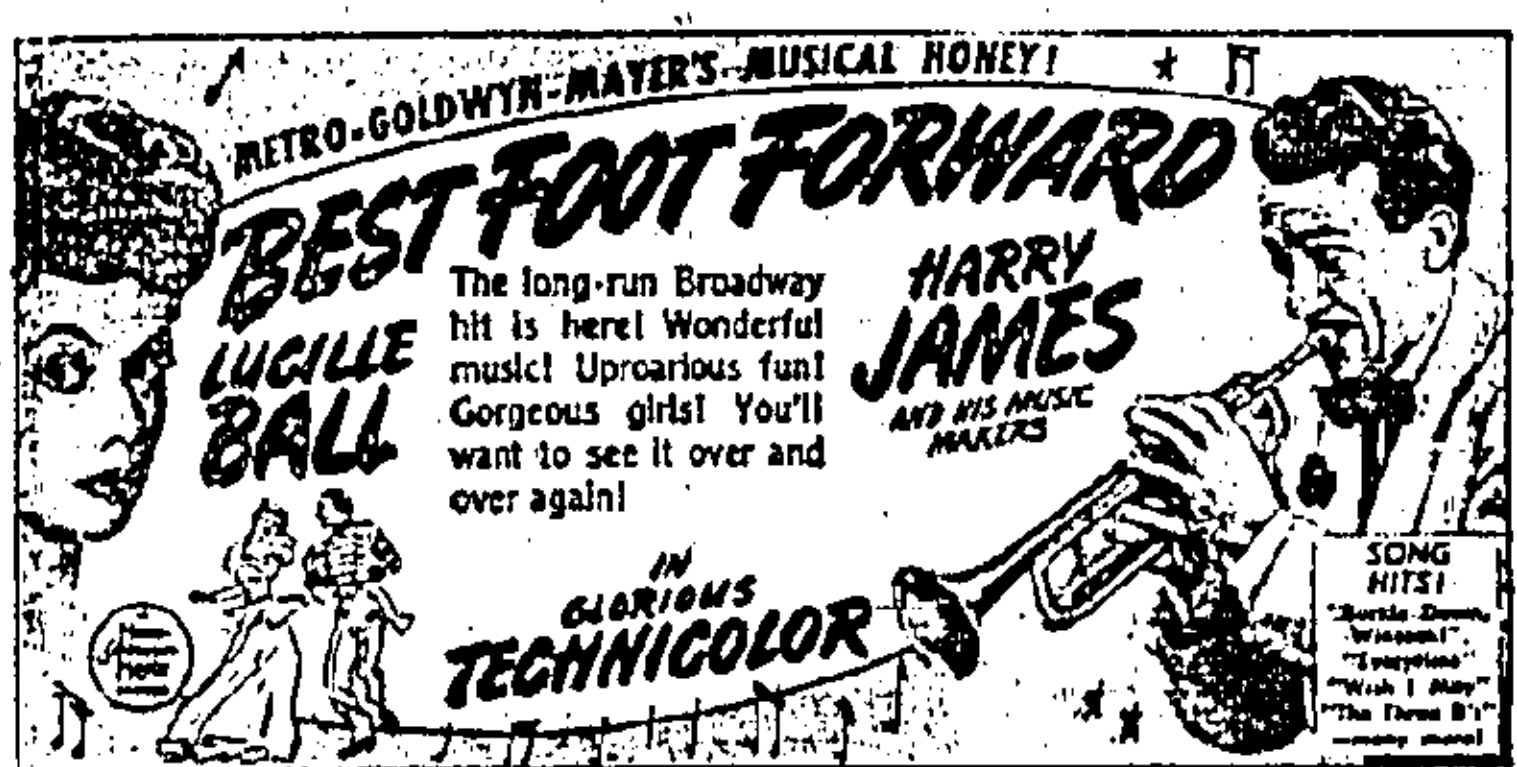
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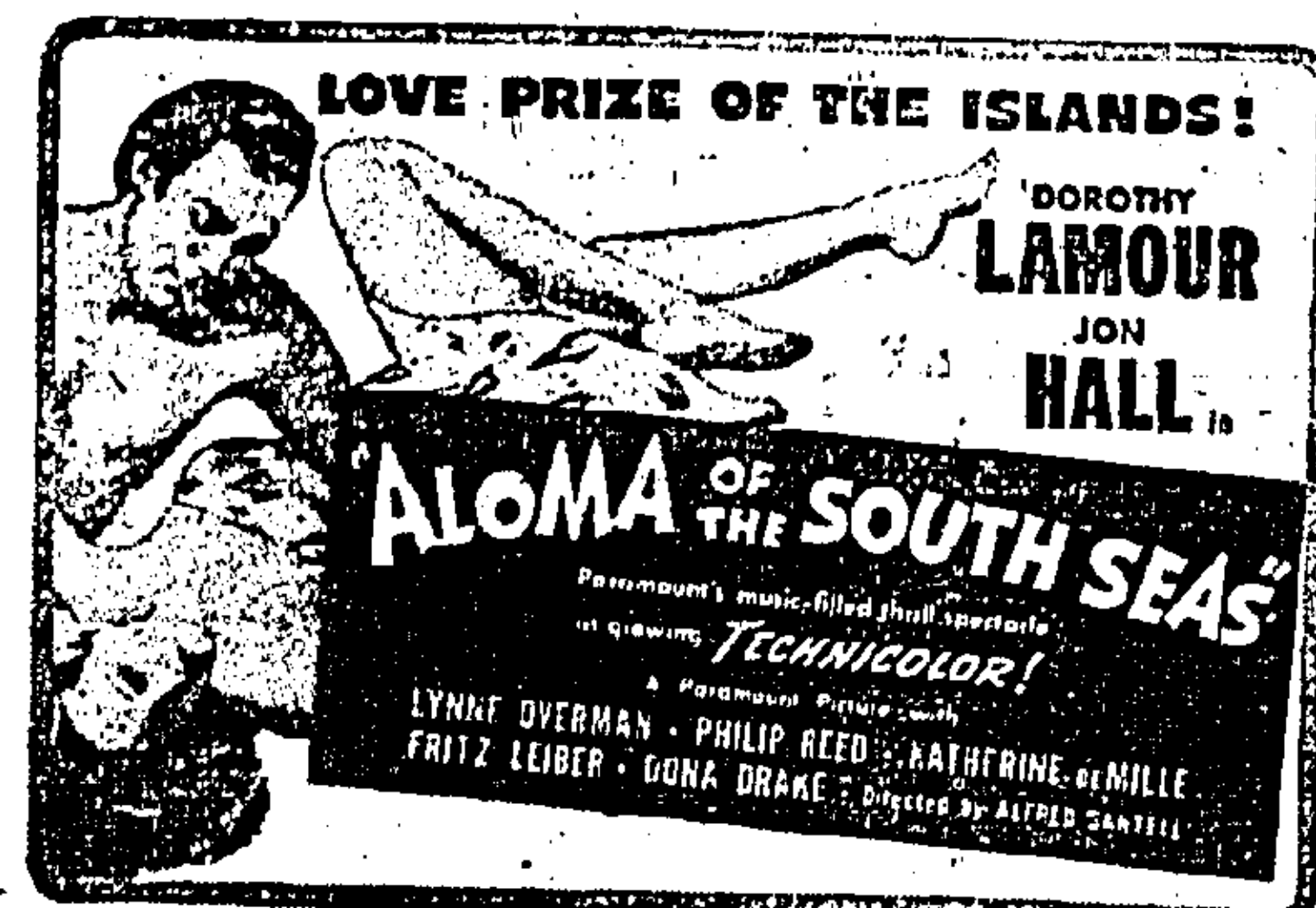
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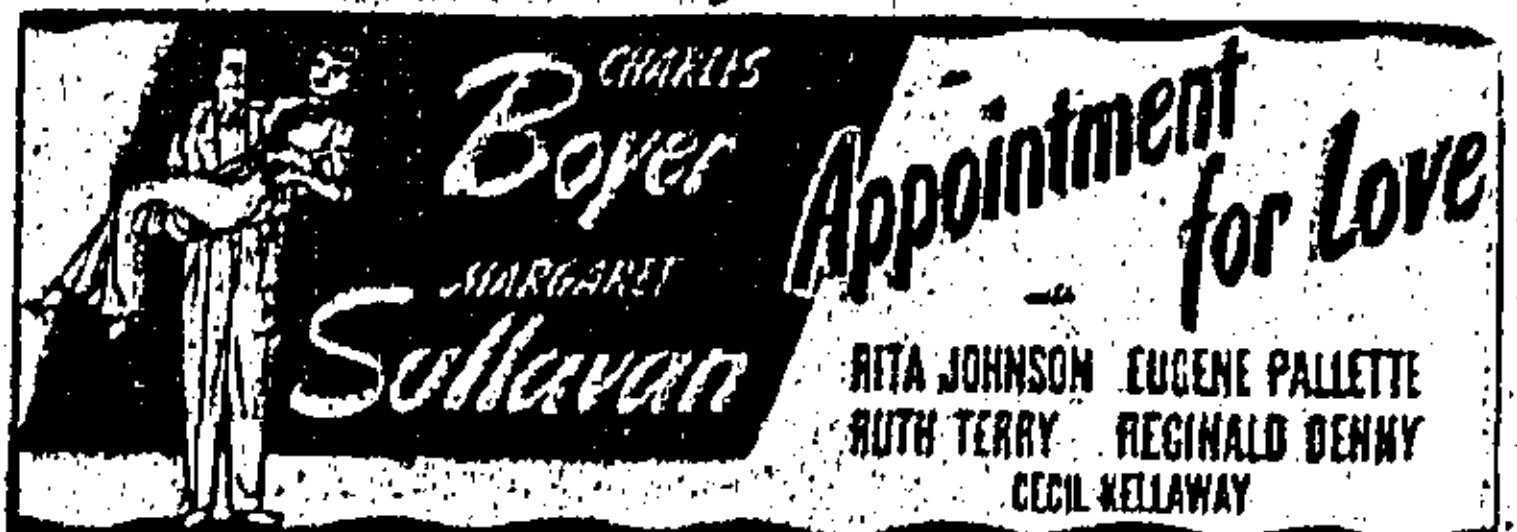
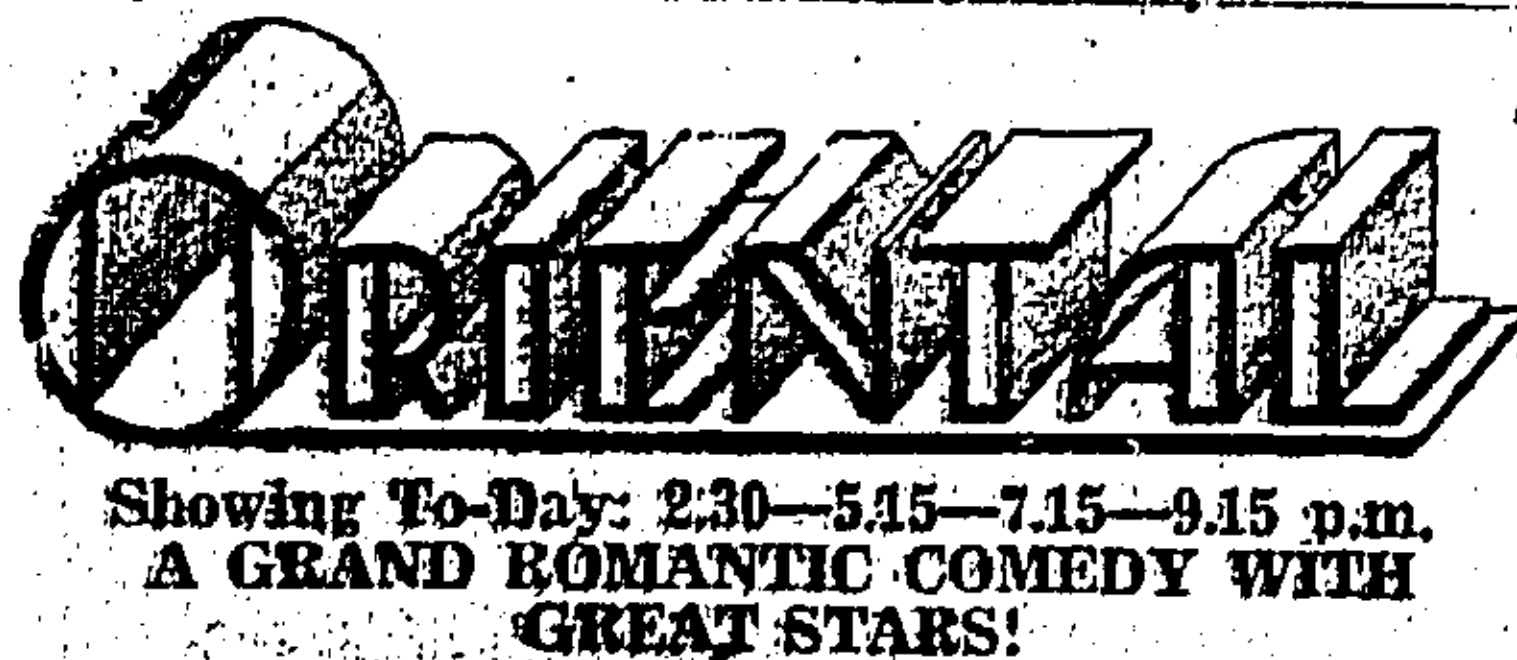
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FIRST STEPS IN PRACTICAL DISARMAMENT

New York, Dec. 15.
The first steps in practical disarmament were being prepared by United Nations experts here today after the General Assembly's historic action last night in passing by acclamation the resolution urging action to ban the atom bomb and other weapons of mass destruction.

Though authoritative quarters strike a cautious note and warn against over-optimism, military and scientific experts of several nationalities are this week starting work on an extremely complicated problem of disarmament, which is being handled by the Assembly to the Security Council.

At the same time, members of the Atomic Energy Commission, meeting regularly behind closed doors, will be putting the final touches to their vital report, which must be submitted to the Security Council by the end of this month.

It is still too early to say how far all this activity will lead to concrete results, but tonight observers were feeling more optimistic at the close of seven gruelling weeks of Assembly debates.

The main achievements of the New York debates have undoubtedly been the disarmament resolution and creation of the Trusteeship Council, the last major organ of the United Nations to be established.

In the opinion of several prominent delegates, much of the Assembly's other business, including the much publicised controversy concerning the Great Powers' veto rights, had more sound than substance.—Reuter.

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Air Lines Prospects

Washington, Dec. 16.
The Civil Aeronautics Board chairman, James M. Landis, believes that airlines can expect better condition next year.

"I am hopeful that by autumn of 1947 the general instability that characterizes the industry today will be cured.

Airlines have had the heaviest traffic volume in history but about half failed to make a profit thus far in 1946.

This is due in part to the rapid expansion of service with the number of planes more than doubled since Jan. 1.

Landis said the use of "such new medium-sized planes as the Martin 202 and Consolidated Vultee 240 and larger planes like the DC6 would do much to reduce operating costs.

He said he also expects general stabilizing of the economic situation to help materially in providing a steady traffic volume.—Associated Press.

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ROCKET BOMB?

Lisbon, Dec. 15.
According to the official newspaper *Diario da Manhã*, a rocket bomb was seen over the outskirts of Lisbon last night, travelling in a south-westerly direction towards the sea.

The paper expresses the view that the object was definitely a rocket bomb similar to the projectiles seen over certain areas of Europe recently.—Reuter.

U.S. Metals Review

New York, Dec. 16.
Price advances for foreign copper, Mexican lead and steel and strip, steel, highlighted the week's metal markets.

An increased demand for copper by users abroad lifted the foreign price to 19½ cents a pound here, compared with 18½ a week ago.

Foreign lead moved up 3/4 cent a pound to 11 cents.

November shipments of zinc, reported to total 32,397 tons, a new high since the war's end with 15,648 tons of this amount exported.

The New York silver market was highly nervous as foreign sources offered large blocs for sale, apparently with the desire

to acquire needed dollar balances.

Increased strip and sheet steel quotations coupled with readjustment of extras, caused advances of as high as \$5 a ton in some lines.

Heavier carbon products lifted principally by smaller producers with returns as much as \$10 to \$15 a ton for reinforcing bars.—Associated Press.

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Clues Across
1. Slumbering river.
5. Restraints.
8. Rustic.
9. Sally.
10. Sacred chant.
11. Surface.
12. Falsehoods.
13. Irritate.
16. Places of worship.
18. English river.
20. Elaborate dramatic solo.
22. Pleasure craft.
23. Governed by cbb and flow.
25. Fickle month.
26. Large cel.
27. Stagers.
28. Frothy.

Clues Down
1. Aquils.
2. Bounty.
3. Boy's name.
4. Childish.
5. Rope-winding device.
6. Loose overcoat.
7. Bundles.
14. Soothers.
15. Wind direction.
16. Helped.
17. Too sweet.
21. Antic.
24. Be defeated.

Yesterday's Crossword
ACROSS:—1. Molest; 5. Ramps; 8. Lake; 9. Scream; 11. Linger; 12. Dimple; 14. Char; 16. Slick; 18. Riots; 19. Seas; 20. Invent; 24. Evens; 26. Stored.
DOWN:—1. Mist; 2. Lard; 3. Slam; 4. Tamper; 5. Release; 6. Manages; 7. Shrinks; 10. Eight; 13. Trouble; 14. Cottage; 15. Assist; 17. Leans; 18. Severs; 21. Brass; 25. Easels; 26. Tors; 27. East; 22. Tear; 23. Used.

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U.S. Study Of Food Prospects

Washington, Dec. 16. The United States has begun an intensive study of food requirements abroad, to decide whether UNRRA shipments should be diverted from some countries to others in greater need.

A staff of food experts is assembling data on foreign crop prospects for 1947 with the help of reports from American Embassies abroad. It may complete the work in two weeks.

Officials reported that if the conclusions bear out that Italy and Austria need additional food, they will ask UNRRA's nine nation central committee to divert shipments scheduled for more fortunate countries.

Any such move by the United States virtually is certain to bump into strong opposition from the Russian-Yugoslav committee members.

Both countries fought bitterly although unsuccessfully during the last weeks of the UNRRA conference against American demands for "flexibility" in apportioning UNRRA's remaining \$626,000,000.—Associated Press.

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Canton (Kwong Fook Cheung) 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18

Airmail for Canton and Shanghai (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 9.30 a.m. (Ord.) 10 a.m.

Tsankong (Kwongchowwan) (Yan Tai) 10 a.m.

Straits and Rangoon (Egmont) 10 a.m.

Canada via Vancouver B.C. (Cape Howe) (Par. and Reg.) 9.30 a.m. (Ord.) 10 a.m.

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Bangkok (Tai Po Shan) Noon.

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Shanghai (Bataan) 3 p.m.

Airmail for Saigon, Bangkok, Singapore, Colombo, Calcutta, Delhi and London (By Air) (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Macao, Tainan and Shekai (Kwong Sei) 4 p.m.

Canton (Kwong Fook Cheung) 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, DEC. 19

Honolulu, U.S.A. Central and South America via San Francisco (China Victory) (Par. and Reg.) 9.30 a.m. (Ord.) 10 a.m.

Manila P.I. (Farzan) 10 a.m.

Formosa via Keelung (Empire Labrador) Noon.

Airmail for Canton, Amoy and Foochow (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Chungking, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsingtao and Peking (G.A.T.C. Plane) (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Kongmoon (Kwan Lul) 4 p.m.

Macao, Tainan and Shekai (Kwong Sei) 4 p.m.

Canton (Fukien) 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 20

Airmail for Manila P.I. (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 9.30 a.m. (Ord.) 10 a.m.

Manila P.I. and Honolulu (Donna Aniceta) 10 a.m.

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SATURDAY, DEC. 21

Airmail for Canton and Shanghai (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 9.30 a.m. (Ord.) 10 a.m.

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CHICAGO GRAINS

Chicago, Dec. 16. Mills entered the wheat pit on the buying side and boosted prices nearly three cents before encountering profit-taking. Corn and oats after an early decline turned strong.

Wheat was helped by the production and marketing administration's request for offers on hard and soft wheat flour for export. Heretofore, the Government had been obtaining flour at fixed prices.

Wheat finished 1 1/2-2 1/2 higher. January 2 1/4, March 10 1/4, May 1 1/4, Corn 1 1/2-2 1/4 and Oats 1 cent to 2 1/2 higher.—Associated Press.

N.Y. COTTON

New York, Dec. 16. Cotton futures were strong with prices advancing nearly 1/2 a bale as heavy trade demand uncovered scarcity of offerings. Some of the buying was said to be for foreign accounts. The tight statistical cotton supply picture was also an influence.

Futures closed 3.05 to 3.50 a bale higher.

March 3.45-47, May 3.45-47, July 3.45-47, September 3.45-47, October 3.45-47, November 3.45-47, December 3.45-47.

nominal.—Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 16. The boom in foreign trade has come and Government economists, who can still hear the sickening echo of the crash that followed the boom after the first world war, are ready to hold their ears.

It's starting the same way, with sales and purchases at unprecedented peacetime peaks and with a gigantic favourable balance of trade—an excess of dollars received over dollars spent.

None of the experts interviewed predicts an economic catastrophe within the next few years. They believe the present programme of loans and trade will keep things humming for some time.

Meanwhile, sweeping reforms in foreign trade methods have been proposed.

Here is the present dilemma, according to Commerce Department statisticians. The United States is buying foreign goods at the rate of four and one-half billion yearly and selling to foreigners at the rate of nine and one-half to 10 billion.

This year, the United States stands to clear more than \$5,000,000,000. Some of this represents lend lease and UNRRA outlays, but foreigners' cash purchases in the second quarter of 1946 represented 77.3 per cent of the total and the proportion was increasing rapidly.

Limit To Borrowing

The previous peacetime foreign trade record was set in 1920, with exports at \$3,228,000,000 and imports at \$5,278,000,000.

In the period 1935-38 the United States annually exported goods valued at \$2,967,000,000 and imported \$2,489,000,000.—Associated Press.

If our foreign customers want to continue to do business with us, they must even the balance by using their dollar reserves. But they cannot go on borrowing indefinitely.

That's what happened in the twenties. They borrowed not only to pay for goods but to pay interest and principle on loans. This snow-balled until many nations had to default. Then they got no more loans and had to cease trading.

Randall, Hinchman, Federal Reserve Board economist, has calculated what would happen if we should export every year, \$1,000,000,000 worth of goods more than we imported—and lent to our foreign customers the amount to cover the annual \$1,000,000,000 deficit and charged them interest at 5 per cent. He computes that in less than 15 years, it would be necessary to lend \$2,000,000,000 yearly, to enable them to keep up their interest payments.

Only Answer

The ultimate result of that kind of one-sided trading is obvious. The only answer according to practically all authorities in the Commerce Department is to buy foreigners' goods and services of the same value as those we wish to sell them.

It does not have to even up each year—so long as a balance is achieved in the course of a cycle. It does not have to even up between two countries, since a country which has a dollar deficit might achieve balance by sales to a third nation with dollar credits.

Typical administration viewpoint is expressed by Arthur Paul, director of the Office of International Trade:

"We shall have to open our doors to foreign imports to enable other countries of the world to pay for things and services we have sold to them."

SWEDEN'S SHOPPERS STRIKE

Stockholm, Dec. 15. In protest against Sweden's liquor rationing system, which its critics want abolished, claiming that it is unjustified, a nationwide buying strike is now being organized. Public demonstrations of Government liquor-rationing books will be started in the New Year.

Under the Government's rationing system, Swedes may buy only from one pint to three quarts of hard liquor monthly, depending on sex, income and social standing. The critics have decided that the only way to get a change in, through a buying strike. They will also urge the burning of ration books, issued only to taxpayers above 25 years of age, and without which no liquor can be bought.—Reuter.

Slowdown Of Canton Imports

Canton, Dec. 16. The continued rise in rates of the American dollar, the Hong Kong dollar, gold bars and other foreign currencies, has resulted in the slowing down of business transactions in imported goods.

Merchants want to see how the situation develops before they embark on further ventures.

The black market rate of the American dollar was C\$6,300 on Friday.

Imported goods ordered in terms of Hong Kong dollars jumped from 20 per cent to 30 per cent, while native goods registered an increase of five per cent.

The demand for imported goods in Canton has been slack for some time. As a result American and Australian goods are sold here at no higher prices than those in Hong Kong despite the cost of transportation.

Rice prices have not gone up owing to rigid control by the Kwangtung Provincial Government. In the past rice prices went up almost on the same level as the rise in the Hong Kong dollar.

Before the upward trend of the American and Hong Kong dollars, commodity prices were stabilised here during November and through the first week of December. The sharp rise of those currencies, however, has brought higher cost-of-living.—Associated Press.

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BLACK MARKET IN JUTE

New Delhi, Dec. 16. Chief Minister H. S. Suhrawardy of Bengal province, biggest jute-growing area of the world, reports that a widespread black market in jute is developing because the official price of 32 rupees per 400 pounds for jute is much lower than the world free market price of 115 rupees.

The Indian Government recently ruled that jute cannot be exported if purchased at more than the controlled price.—Associated Press.

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AUSTRALIA FIGHT HARD FOR RUNS

England Give Fine Performance In Field

Soccer Ball's Pressure

London, Dec. 15. Today throughout the world there is, as far as it is known, no standard pressure for a soccer ball. The rules lay down its shape and its size and even its weight but there is nothing beyond a tacit agreement of captaincy to say how much pressure should be put into the ball.

It makes a difference in its bounce whether the ball is blown up to 20 pounds pressure or allowed to remain at only 14. Yet very few people indeed would be able to tell just by squeezing the ball how great is the pressure. Now a London firm has invented a special inflator known as the sphygmometer which can get all balls blown up to standard pressure. They hope to get the Football Association interested and have asked them to suggest what pressure they would recommend. It is, as expected, very unlikely that the Football Association will lay anything down in the rules, but this new gadget will be a heaven-sent to club chaps who hitherto have only guessed what pressure they are putting into the ball. They will know on a windy day how to put in less air and to pump it well up when the ground is wet and muddy. If the ball becomes deflated during the game, they will be able to set it again to the exact pressure required.—Reuter.

LOUIS TO BE HONOURED

New York, Dec. 15. Over 700 people will pay tribute to the heavyweight champion, Joe Louis, as "a great fighter and a great American" at a dinner tomorrow evening.

The dinner is sponsored by the Southern Organization for Betterment of Negroes. During the programme, the Negro first champion's boxing gloves with which he knocked out challenger Tami Turiello last September will be auctioned.—United Press.

DAVIS CUP TEAMS

Melbourne, Dec. 15. Observers predicted today that when selections were made for the Davis Cup match between Australia and the United States, John Bromwich, Dennis Pails, Adrian Quist and Colin Long would represent the Cup holders and Jack Kramer, Frank Parker, Frederick Schroeder and Gardnar Mulloy would take the courts for the United States.

It was believed that Bromwich and Pails will be chosen to defend the singles against Kramer and Parker. Bromwich and Quist will play against Kramer and Schroeder in the doubles.—United Press.

Lisbon, Dec. 15. Lisbon beat Paris by three goals to two in a soccer game played in Lisbon this afternoon.—Reuter.

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Bradman & Barnes Still In

Sydney, Dec. 16.

Although magnificent bowling by England restricted Australia's scoring pace to 40 runs an hour today, Don Bradman and his men finished the third day's play in the second Test in a strong position, needing only four runs to lead England's innings total of 255 with six wickets still left.

The biggest crowd of the match, 51,459 (gate receipts £7,264) saw Barnes, the opening batsman, bat all day for Australia and he now has 109 to his credit. Don Bradman is 52 not out, and the task awaiting England tomorrow looks formidable.

England's captain, Walter Hammond, used only four bowlers and while all performed splendidly, Wright caused Australia most concern.

The pitch had completely recovered from Saturday's rains, but again it proved responsive to spin. Time and again Wright beat the googlies. Yet Wright did not take one wicket, but the way he kept batsmen subdued was shown by his bowling figures.

The first three wickets fell to the "chick" bowler Edrich and the other went to Smith, who dismissed Keith Miller, Australia's most attractive batsman.

If slow, this was a grand day's cricket, with England putting up a praiseworthy fight.

Compton Brilliant

Johnson was the first Australian to fall this morning, being caught by Washbrook off Edrich, at seven, but after this early setback, no further wickets fell until after lunch.

Then, 15 minutes after the opening of play, Compton, at deep square leg, after running backwards for about 20 yards, made a beautiful catch and dismissed Hassett's wicket off a ball from Edrich.

This is a typical Compton performance, from a man who always seems to achieve the almost-impossible in any game—broke up a partnership between Barnes and Hassett which was beginning to look dangerous. Hassett was then 34.

Barnes, who had by that time begun to get into his stride, was then joined by Miller to embark on his second partnership and he completed Australia's 100.

A big feature of the game during the whole of play was the excellent fielding by England, particularly Washbrook at cover and Compton in the slips.

The bowling was also of a high standard on an ideal bowler's wicket and Wright's 23 over for 32 runs at the close of play, for no wickets, is hardly a fair indication of the standard of his bowling, which was admired by Australians in no uncertain terms.

Evans Impresses

It was Smith, however, who managed to break up the Barnes-Miller partnership after they had added more than 70 runs when Evans behind the wicket caught Miller at 40 from Smith's fourth ball.

Evans, keeping wicket, had played a really fine game and it is generally thought that though this is only his second Test, if he continues to keep wicket as he did to some of the faster balls from Bedser and Edrich, he will definitely prove of Test "stock".

Bradman then joined Barnes to make the latter's third partnership which was going to last until stumps were drawn. Limping towards the wicket amid a tumultuous ovation, and through crowds of cameramen and fans, Australia's captain did not inspire too much confidence and his straggled leg—which is still troublesome—looked like impeding his play.

This line of thought was borne out when, after an hour's play Bradman had not hit one of his famed fours, most of his play being in sneaked singles and twos, while Barnes was running all out for what he could get.

Nine Appeals

Sixty-three minutes after he joined Barnes, however, Bradman hit his first four and swept away any doubts about the rest of his innings by following it up, in the same over, by another one.

During this partnership, in which Barnes sent up the 200 and then followed it with his own century after 322 minutes' play, there were nine appeals for l.b.w., many of which were very uncertain to the crowd, but the umpire disallowed them all.

Fifteen minutes before stumps were drawn Bradman completed his half century after 109 minutes' play and for the rest of the play singles and twos were hit up, bringing the total to 252, and Barnes' total to 103.

The scores:—

ENGLAND

First Innings 255

AUSTRALIA

First Innings

S. G. Barnes, not out	109
A. Morris, b Edrich	5
I. Johnson, c Washbrook, b Edrich	7
A. L. Hassett, c Compton, b Edrich	34
K. Miller, c Evans, b Smith	40
D. Bradman, not out	52
Extras	5

Total (for 4 wickets) 252
Fall of wickets: 1-24, 2-27, 3-36, 4-159.

ENGLAND BOWLING

	O.	M.	W.	R.
Bedser	26	7	0	69
Edrich	20	2	3	59
Smith	17	1	1	67
Wright	23	4	0	52

Tsing Pak Win

Before a poor crowd at Caroline Hill yesterday, Tsing Pak of Shanghai, won their last game of the series when they beat Combined Chinese by the only goal of the game scored by Lo Soo-fuk in the second half.

Play on the whole was even though the local Chinese did most of the attacking in the first half and the closing stages of the game. Fung King-cheong and Chan Tak-fat were the most dangerous of the local Chinese forwards. Chau Man-chi did more shooting than usual, but could not score.

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Services Boxing

The Services Boxing competition at China Fleet Club this evening, starting at 8 p.m., should provide excellent sport. The majority of the fighters are experienced boxers and all the fights will be conducted under the I.S.B.A. rules. No less than 10 fights are scheduled.

Several of the boxers come from H.M.S. Eurymalus, and trainer P.O. Noble is confident the boys will give a good account of themselves. P.O. Noble was in 1937 runner-up in the light-weight championship of the I.S.B.A. and in 1938-39 was the heavyweight champion. He has appeared in over 150 fights and has temporarily retired owing to a hand injury.

The first fight will be between A.B. Allison and Marine Wood. Allison hails from Glasgow and is only 22 years of age. He has had four fights recently. He won the novice championship of H.M.S. Eurymalus and in Shanghai appeared in several fights. He is a tough fighter with lots of guts.

The exhibition fights should be worth seeing. Yeo Whitfield, holder of the light heavy-weight championship of the Navy, meets P.O. Tel Dutton who will be conceding some weight. Dutton met and drew with Battling Barter, potential Devonshire Champion at the Great World in Singapore recently. He also met Clarke, well-known middleweight boxer in Colombo.

Among the other fighters, Canteen Asst. Sefton met the American Shanghai Champion, Tom Post, and lost in the last round. Swinhoe has a style all his own but was unfortunate in not being able to obtain an opponent in Shanghai. He is considered a very clever boxer and is expected to do well.

Collier is a hard hitting two handed boxer. He is very aggressive and goes all-out from the bell for the K.O. Page's great feat in Shanghai was when he stepped into the ring without any training against an American marine of repute and did exceptionally well.

The following is the programme:—

Programme

A.B. Allison (Eurymalus) vs. Marine Wood (No. 42 Cdo.).
A.C. McLeod (R.A.F.) vs. Sto. Richards (Eurymalus).
A.B. Cudmore (Tamar) vs. Etc. Calder (15 I.C.S.S.).

Bribe Scandal In Big Football Game

New York, Dec. 15.

The Chicago Bears today defeated the New York Giants 24-14 for the National League championship in a game played under the shadow of investigation to charges that gamblers attempted to bribe two Giant stars, Frank Filchock and Merle Hapes, to throw the game to Bears. Hapes was not allowed to play in the game. Filchock was completely cleared and despite a broken nose suffered in the game, he threw two touchdown passes.

The police, personally directed by Mayor William O'Dwyer in a grand jury announcement on Sunday, exposed the gambling syndicate's plot to throw the game to the Bears. The plot involved vain efforts to bribe Filchock and Hapes, backfield stars of the New York Giants.

The players were offered \$2,500 each and \$1,000 bets on the opponents at the best odds obtainable.

O'Dwyer announced the arrest of Alvin Paris of New York on the charge of attempting to bribe professional athletes—a felony—and making and taking bets.

Paris was held under a bail of \$25,000. Filchock and Hapes were released after several hours of questioning.

Full Confession

The district attorney, J. Monahan, said that Paris had made a full confession and claimed that the entire plot was his own idea.

Vic Richardson On Test

(By Victor Richardson)

Sydney, Dec. 16.

Bad light after rain kept England's bowlers off the wet wicket on Saturday and fine weather on Sunday dried out all signs of treachery, while the roller did the rest. This allowed the Australian batsmen to face England's medium-fast attack on a plum easy batting paradise here today.

Miller played some glorious shots and is one of the few players who make full blooded shots these days. Barnes plodded to a very laborious century, but after a very wary start, Bradman entirely collapsed the lightning. His dashing hook shots became the chief means of scoring. Here was a touch of his old genius which has not been produced since pre-war days.

The English fielding was first class with Washbrook and Compton doing many brilliant things. Evans kept wicket well and was a vast improvement on Gibb.

Wright bowled grandly without any reward. His length was faultless and he fought the ball better than at any time on the tour. No batsman was at ease and if he bowls well when the wicket is really wearing, he will be almost unplayable.

Australia now has the upper hand but will have to consolidate their position with a lead of at least 200. They cannot expect to dismiss the fine, England batting array for such a meagre total again and then Wright should be "breathing fire" by the time the Australian second innings arrives.—Reuter.

C.S.M. Mulholland (1/5 Cdo.) vs. L.A.F. Wells (Venerable).
Captain Diggin (Army) vs. Lieut. Harlock (Constable).

Exhibition Bout

Yeo Whitfield (Alert) vs. P.O. Tel Dutton (Tamar).
Sgt. Sinclair (R.A.F.) vs. Canteen Asst. Sefton (Eurymalus).
P.O. Tel Thorne (Constable) vs. Marine Swinhoe (Eurymalus).
L. Sto. Collier (Eurymalus) vs. A.B. Douglas (Constable).
A.B. Wright (Alert) vs. Marine Page (Eurymalus).

Officials

Judges—Lt. Col. P. J. Crutts, Travancore Lt. Infantry; Captain J. England, DCM Royal Marines; Lieutenant J. A. Good, Royal Marines.

Referees—Major Clifford, Royal Marines; Commander (E) Allen, Royal Navy.

Timekeeper—Commander (E) A. G. Clarke, Royal Navy.

Medical Officer—Surg. Lt. Cdr. W. A. Burnett, Royal Navy.
M.C.—Chief Petty Officer Rogers, H.M.S. Tamar.

Loudspeaker Warning To Kowloon Hawkers

The most constructive effort yet in Hong Kong's campaign of clearing hawkers from the main roadways and thoroughfares and directing them to quieter traffic areas, was made in the Shamshuipo section of Kowloon yesterday morning.

For over three hours, a police loudspeaker van toured the hawker infested district of Pei Ho-street, Boundary-street and Cheung Sha Wan Road warning Chinese stallholders that if they did not respond to directions action would be taken.

The three roadways, which at 9 a.m. were littered with wares and eatable goods of every description had been cleared to a great extent by noon. As the car made its first round of the dirty, unsanitary neighbourhood a police official boomed instructions through the microphone to startled Chinese who cleared like magic and began packing up their wooden stalls and re-erect them in other spots, where they are permitted to be.

Later in the morning two lorries manned by squads of police followed the loudspeaker van and in a few cases the more reluctant of the hawkers were "helped" to pack up their goods and depart. Shamshuipo's Chinese hawkers are a menace to the health of their own public community. Spots which were cleared by police yesterday morning were left in an indescribably filthy condition and rubbish and dirt covered the ground where the stalls had been standing.

To Continue

There are between four and five thousand hawkers in this region alone and police officials are now concentrating on organising their whereabouts so that free access to the area is maintained for traffic. Broadcast messages to the hawkers yesterday explained the need for road space by pointing out the danger of fire spreading in the event of engines being delayed by road blockage.

This method of dealing with the Colony's hawker problem will be continued as part of Hong Kong's new police policy, until the situation is finally solved by the competent land allocation authorities.

Paintings On Display

An Exhibition of oil paintings and watercolours by Mr. Yee Bon, under the auspices of the Hong Kong Working Artists' Guild opens today in St. John's Cathedral Hall, Garden Road, until Saturday the 21st, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Yee Bon began his art career when he was 21 years of age. Since then he has solely depended on his painting for a living. Born in 1905, at Toishan, he went to Canada at an early age to stay with his uncle. He joined the Ontario College of Art and after paying the first year's tuition fee concluded his training by the free scholarship he earned through the succeeding years.

Yee Bon came back to the East ten years ago and has remained in Hong Kong, after a short stay in China, ever since. A member of the Hong Kong Working Artists' Guild as well as the Hong Kong Art Club, he has held one-man exhibitions and also exhibited at the annual exhibitions of both societies till the outbreak of the Pacific War.

After the fall of the Colony, he went to Macao, where he held a one-man show with great success, the total receipt of sales exceeding Macao \$15,000. Yee Bon only returned to the Colony recently. The exhibits now shown consist of mainly of works done during his stay in Macao, including many landscapes.

DAVIS CUP TEAM

Melbourne, Dec. 16. The United States Davis Cup team will be Jack Kramer, Ted Schroeder, Frank Parker and Gardnar Mulloy, non-playing captain Walter Pate announced today.

The Australian Lawn Tennis Association President, Sir Norman Brookes, named John Bromwich, Adrian Quist, Dinny Pails, and Colin Long to defend the Cup for Australia.

The matches are to be played in Christmas week.—Associated Press.

12 Dead In FEATI Plane Crash

Manila, Dec. 16.

Only two of the 14 passengers and crew aboard the ill-fated FEATI Airliner "City of Manila" survived the head-on crash of the two-engine transport plane into the cloud-obscured slopes of 7,000-foot Mount Banahaw, 50 miles southeast of Manila.

Pilot Roy Wilson escaped with minor bruises and lacerations when the cockpit of the plane opened under the impact of the crash.

The other survivor, Grisante Castro, was taken to hospital in Lucena, Quezon Province by military police who made two attempts to reach the scene of the crash on Saturday before they succeeded in locating the wreckage.

Captain Thomas Taylor, FEATI operations officer, said the 12 victims apparently were killed by the impact.

Fire broke out after the crash, he said.

Jesus Villamor, leading Filipino air ace who recently was appointed Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics, is investigating the crash which was the second this year on rugged Banahaw.

Last March a United States army transport hit the mountain while flying blind, killing 19 persons.—Associated Press.

Lo and two other armed men boarded two boats in Cheung-saawan at 3 a.m. on August 16 last, and robbed the occupants of money and clothing.

What Are We Going To Do About This?

London, Dec. 15.

There was no referendum as to whether "The British people would like to give away India," declared Mrs. Eleonora Tennant, chairman of the "Face the Facts Association"—a movement formed at the end of the war, which describes itself as pledged to fight Fascism, Communism and Socialism—meeting at Conway Hall tonight.

Mrs. Tennant made this reference to India when reviewing the Labour Government's policy, and then added: "Did the people who put this Government into power ever want this to happen? What are we going to do about all this?"

Amid a terrific uproar, with half the audience of over 200 on its feet on some occasions, "The Face the Facts Association" called on its members to petition the King to dissolve "this unsatisfactory British Parliament."

Another of its resolutions called for a strike of British rate and tax-payers.

Throughout the meeting, the audience hurled insults at each other and the speakers were in turn called Fascists or Communists.

Mrs. Tennant was recently found guilty of breach of privilege of the House of Commons after she issued a preter saying "The names of Members of Parliament voting for bread rationing will be published as public enemies and dictators."

She said at the meeting: "We want the right to criticize Jews without being called Nazis. We deplore the fact that some Jews are adopting 'Nazi terrorist methods.'—Reuter.

Maximum Fine On Gamblers

A maximum fine for the offence of £1,000 was imposed by the Magistrate, Mr. W. H. Latimer, at Kowloon Court yesterday on two Chinese charged with having kept a common gaming house on board one of the Yaumati ferries. Three other men and a woman were fined \$25 each.

It was disclosed in Court by Det. Insp. Walter Collins, prosecuting, that the gambling racket on board the ferries plying to Yaumati, Mongkok and Shamshuipo had reached the stage where there was a regular pawnshop subsidiary making it possible for would-be gamblers who had run out of money to pawn gold ornaments and other valuables.

Refugees In 16-Footer

Johannesburg, Dec. 15.

Somewhere in the Atlantic, is a small 16-foot fishing smack heading for South Africa with 16 people—including seven women—who pooled their meagre resources to escape from war-devastated Europe.

All are displaced persons—Lithuanians, Estonians, Lithuanians—who sailed from Sweden last June and have been at sea ever since.

None of them possesses immigration permits and they are hoping when they arrive in South Africa for the best.

A subscription list has been opened in Port Elizabeth to assist the immigrants in getting permission to remain in the Union.—Associated Press.

RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles and from 12.30 to 1.15 p.m., 6.30 to 7.30 p.m., and 9 to 11 p.m. also on 8.52 megacycles.

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12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary
12.35 p.m.—With Kately.
1.00 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.10 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
1.15 p.m.—Piano Parade: Patricia Brookborough.
1.30 p.m.—London Transmission Service: Tommy Handley introduces "All Joke In."
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
6.30 p.m.—"The Melody Lingers On."
6.45 p.m.—Commentary on the Test Match.
6.55 p.m.—Harry James and His Orchestra—London Relay: "Merry Melody."
7.15 p.m.—Singing: Piano Recital by Michael Bodin in a Programme by Beethoven (By Courtesy of the "Parliat" Grill).
7.35 p.m.—"Stars Parade" Film and Stage Favorites of Today and Yesterday.
8.25 p.m.—"Moods in Music."
9.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.
9.05 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay: A Talk—"Facts and Figures."
9.35 p.m.—London Relay: "TINA"
10.00 p.m.—Katie Tailor (Cartoon) and Light Symph. Orch.
10.25 p.m.—Haydn Symphony No. 35 in D Major.
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.